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ORDER-BOOK OF LORD RODNEY
ADMIRAL OF THE WHITE

July 16, 1781 – September 21, 1782

Order-Book of Admiral Lord Rodney

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &c &c &c

Wheras I have thought it necessary for the good of His Majesty's Service, to cause a Vessel to be purchased for the purpose of a Prison Ship, and have thought proper to Appoint you Lieutenant and Commander thereof, and which Ship is Distinguished as the Peter Prison Ship.

You are therefore hereby required and directed to Bear on the said Prison Ships Books, as her established Complement the number of Officers, Men, and Servants as is particularly expressed as undermentioned Viz[t]

Lieutenant and Commander	1
Servant to Ditto	1
Second Master and Pilot	1
Midshipman	1
	4
Carpenters Mate	1
Clerk and Steward	1
Seamen and Marines	39
Total	45

You are to take charge of the said Ship and her Tackle and Furniture, and Indent for all such Stores you may in future be in want of, and you are likewise to Victual her Complement of Men at whole Allowance of all Species of Provisions agreeable to the Established rules of the Navy, and to be very particular to keep a regular and exact account of the Expenditure of all such Stores and Provisions that may be Committed to your Charge, as well as proper Muster Books of all such Men you may either receive or Discharge &ca. from time to time

in Order to enable you to pass your Accounts, And for so doing this shall be your Order.

Given &c &c &c Sandwich in Gros Islet Bay
St. Lucia, the 16th July 1781

G. B. Rodney

To Lieut. John Carteret Lewis
Lieutenant and Commander of the Peter Prison Ship
St. Lucia

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &c. &c. &c.

Whereas I thought it necessary for His Majesty's Service to appoint you to the charge and Command of the Batteries and Men on Pidgeon Island by Order dated the 8th of January 1781 and I have since for your good Behaviour thereon, when the same was lately Attacked by the French, appointed you to the Command of the Gros-Islet Sloop of War, with the Rank of Master and Commander trusting that from your late Behaviour it will be for His Majesty's Service that You shou'd still continue in the said Command.

You are hereby required and directed, to continue therein till further Orders accordingly, obeying such Orders as you shall receive from your Superior Officer at any time employ'd on this Service and for that purpose you have Leave to be absent from your said Sloop Gros-Islet till otherwise directed by me or Commanding Officer of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels, on this Station for the time being.

Given &c &c &c Gibralter St John Road
Antigua 29th July 1781

G. B. Rodney

To Captain Simon Millar
of His Majesty's Sloop Gros-Islet

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &ca. &ca. &ca.

Whereas I think it absolutely necessary for the better carrying on His Majestys Service that a proper person should be appointed to Superintend the Buildings, and to repair and carry on the various works on Pidgeon Island, St. Lucia, and to have all the Artificers and Labourers thereon employed, under his care and direction.

You are therefore hereby required and directed to take upon you that Work, and to take Orders from the Officer Commanding for the time being, For which Duty you shall be allowed at the Rate of Ten Shillings Sterling Pr Day.

Given &ca. &ca. &ca. 30 July 81

G. B. Rodney

To Mr Jno. Bignall hereby appointed to take upon him the inspection of the Works on Pidgeon Island

By Command of the Admiral

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bt. K: B
Admiral of the White and
Commander in Chief &c. &c. &c.

In pursuance of orders from the right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to me for that purpose

You are hereby required and directed to put yourself under my Command, and follow such orders, as you shall from Time to Time, receive from me, for His Majesty's Service

Given under my Hand in London
the 27th Novr 1781.

G. B. Rodney

To Captain Symons
of His Majesty's Ship Formidable

Orders of the same Tenor and Date given to the following Ships

Arrogant	of 74	Guns	Captn Cornish
Conqueror	" 74	"	" Balfour
Prothée	" 64	"	" Buckner
Nonsuch	" 64	"	" Truscott
Repulse	" 64	"	" Dumerque [*sic* for Dumaresq]
Flora	" 36	"	" Marshall
Alarm	" 32	"	" Cotton

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bt. K. B.
Admiral of the White and Comm^{r}
in Chief &c. &c. &c.

In pursuance of orders from the right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to me for that purpose, You are hereby required & directed to put yourself under my Command, and follow such orders as you shall from Time to Time receive from me, for His Majesty's Service.

Given &c. 8th Decr on board
His Majesty's Ship Arrogant
at Spithead 1781

G. B. Rodney

Orders of the same Tenor & Date given to the follow^{g} Ships

Fame	of 74	Guns	Captn Barbor
Marlborough	" 74	"	" Penny
Anson	" 64	"	" Blair
Yarmouth	" 64	"	" Parrey
Alert Sloop			" Vashon

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bt. K. B.
Admiral of the White &c. &c. &c.

You are hereby required and directed to keep His Majesty's Ships under your Command in momentary readiness to proceed to Sea.

Given &c. on board His Majesty's
Ship Conqueror at Spithead,
8th Decr 1781.

G. B. Rodney

To Captn Balfour
of His Majesty's Ship Conqueror

Orders of the same Tenor and Date given to the following Ships

Arrogant	of 74	Guns	Captn	Cornish
Prothée	" 64	"	"	Buckner
Nonsuch	" 64	"	"	Truscott
Repulse	" 64	"	"	Dumeresque
Flora	" 36	"	"	Marshall
Alarm	" 32	"	"	Cotton
Fame	" 74	"	"	Barbor
Marlborough	" 74	"	"	Penny
Anson	" 64	"	"	Blair
Yarmouth	" 64	"	"	Parrey
Alert Sloop			"	Varshon [*sic*]

By Sir G. B. Rodney &c. &c. &c.

You are hereby required and directed to cause my Flag to be hoisted on board His Majesty's Ship Arrogant under your Command, and to enter me my Secretary & retinue according to the List delivered herewith on a Supernumerary List for Victuals & Wages

Given under my Hand on board
His Maj^s Ship Arrogant at Spithead
9 Decr 1781

G. B. Rodney

To Captn Cornish
Of His Majesty's Ship Arrogant

By Sir G. B. Rodney &c. &c. &c.

An Order to Captn Balfour of the Conqueror to receive General Mathews & his suite bearing them on a Supernumerary List for Victuals only

Given &c. 10 Decr 1781

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &c. &c. &c.

You are hereby required and directed to receive on board His Maj^s Ship under your Command the Persons named in the Margin [1] and bear them on a Supernumerary List for Victuals and Wages.

Given &c. 10 Decr 1781

G. B. Rodney

To Captain Symons
Of His Majesty's Ship the Formidable

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &c. &c. &c.

You are hereby required and directed immediately to proceed on board His Majesty's Ship Arrogant and there act as Gunner in the room of Mr Luke Fitzgerald, who on account of Age and Infermities has been obliged to go to Sick Quarters on Shore

Given &c. 11 Decr 1781

G. B. Rodney

To Mr. John Knight
hereby appointed acting Gunner
of His Majesty's Ship Arrogant

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[1] Lieut. Goldsmith, Mr Goddin, Lt. Nichols, Mr Fakeney, Mr Fraser, Mr Lusk, Mr A. Scott, Mr R. H. May, Lt Gardner, G. W. Blarney, Mr Chetwood, W. J. Witteroom, J. Richardson

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &c. &c. &c.

Whereas I judge it necessary the better to carry on His Majesty's Service, and hasten the equipment of the Squadron under my Command, that a Supernumerary Captain shou'd for the time being be appointed to act as such, on board His Majesty's Ship Arrogant, in which my Flag is flying,

You are hereby required and directed to repair on board His Majesty's Ship Arrogant, and there act as a Supernumerary Captain, hereby strictly charging the Officers and ships Company subordinate to you, to obey your Orders as they will answer the Contrary at their Peril: for which this shall be your Order

Given &c. 11 Decr 1781

To Captain Savage
hereby appointed a Supernumerary Captain
on board His Majesty's Ship Arrogant

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &c. &c. &c.

You are hereby required and directed immediately to repair on board His Majesty's Ship Flora and there act as a Supernumerary Lieutenant, hereby strictly charging the Officers and Ships Company of the said ship subordinate to you to pay all proper Respect and obedience unto you their said acting Supernumerary Lieutenant, as they will answer the Contrary at their Peril, and you to execute and obey, all orders you may receive from your Captain and other Superior Officers for His Majesty's Service.

Given &c. 11 Decr 1781

G. B. Rodney

To The Honble Lieut. Murray
hereby appointed acting Supernumerary
Lieutenant of His Majesty's Ship Flora

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &c. &c. &c.

An Order of the same Tenor for Lieut. Martin to act as Supernumerary Lieut. on board His Majesty's Ship the Repulse.

Given &c. 12 Decr 1781

G. B. Rodney

Arrogant Causand Bay 17 Decr 1781

Memorandum,

It is the Admiral's Orders, that every Ship in his Squadron hold themselves in readiness to proceed to Sea, to morrow Morning Day light, and that no Boats be permitted to go on shore, but upon Duty, and no Officer lay on Shore.

Anson, Prothée, Yarmouth, Fame, Conqueror, Repulse, Flora

Memorandum,

It is the Admiral's directions that no Muskets are fired at Sunrise, or at the setting of the Sun, or watch in the Evening, but that Muskets be drawn.

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &c. &c. &c.

Captain Balfour Commander of His Majesty's Ship Conqueror having by Letter of this Date, represented to me that there is on board the said ship a quantity of Butter and Cheese stinking and unfit for men to eat.

You are hereby required and directed to proceed on board His Majesty's Ship Conqueror, and there take a strict and careful Survey of the provisions complained of and finding the same as reported you will deliver the

Butter into the Boatswains charge reporting to me your proceedings herein

Given &c. 18 Decr 1781

G. B. Rodney

To The Masters of His Majesty's Ships Yarmouth
Anson
Prothée and
Fame or any three of them

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &c. &c. &c.

Captain Balfour Commander of His Majesty's Ship Conqueror having by Letter of this date, acquainted me that the purser of the said ship had requested a Survey on the provisions and pursers Stores in order to know his first Charge.

You are hereby required and directed immediately to go on board the said ship and there take a strict and careful Survey on the remains of pursers Stores, reporting to me your proceedings therein.

Given &c. 18 Decr 1781

G. B. Rodney

To The Pursers of His Majesty's Ship Yarmouth
Anson
Prothée and
Fame or any three of them

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &c. &c. &c.

You are hereby required and directed immediately to proceed on board His Majesty's Ship Fame, and there act as Gunner of the said ship, hereby strictly charging the Officers and Ships Company subordinate to you to pay all due obedience and respect, unto you their said acting Gunner, as they will answer the Contrary at their peril, and you to execute and obey all Orders you may

from Time to Time, receive from the Captain & Officers of the said ship, for which this shall be your Order

Given &c. 18 Decr 1781

G. B. Rodney

To Thos Morgan
hereby appointed acting Gunner
of His Majesty's Ship Fame

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &c. &c. &c.

You are hereby required and directed to receive on board His Majesty's Ship under my Command Messrs. John Marr, Thos. Druce and Edwd Day bearing them on a supernumerary List for Victuals only, untill their arrival in the West Indies.

Given &ca.

G. B. Rodney

To Captain Symons
Of His Majesty's Ship Formidable

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &c. &c. &c.

You are hereby required and directed to discharge from His Majesty's Ship under your Command Mr. J. Hynson into His Majesty's Ship Formidable

Given &c. 18 Decr 1781

G. B. Rodney

To Captn Gower
Of His Majesty's Ship Medea

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &c. &c. &c.

You are hereby required and directed immediately to proceed on board His Majesty's Ship Formidable, and there act as second Master of the said ship, hereby strictly Charging the Officers and Ships Company, sub-

ordinate to you their second Master, as they will answer the Contrary at their Peril: and you, to obey all Orders you shall receive from your Captain, and superior Officers for His Majesty's Service

Given &c. 18 Decr 1781

G. B. Rodney

To Mr J. Hynson
hereby appointed second Master
of His Majesty's Ship Formidable

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &c. &c. &c.

You are hereby required and directed to receive Mr. J. Hynson on board His Majesty's Ship under your Command, and permit him to act as second Master of her, untill further Orders.

Given &c. 18 Decr 1781

G. B. Rodney

To Captain Symons
of His Majesty's Ship Formidable

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &c. &c. &c.

You are hereby required and directed to discharge Mr Wm Cozens from His Majesty's Ship under your Command into the Hercules

Given &c. 19 Decr 1781

G. B. Rodney

To Captn Truscott
Of His Majesty's Ship Nonsuch

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &c. &c. &c.

Captain Barbor having requested me to order a Survey on the Ordnance Stores remaining on board His Majesty's Ship Fame, under his Command: that they may be Committed to the Charge of Mr. Thomas Morgan

who is appointed to act as Gunner of her in the room of Mr. John Newby left Sick at Portsmouth.

You are therefore hereby required and directed to repair on board the said ship & take a strict and careful Survey of the Ordnance Stores remaining on board her reporting to me from under your hands an account of your Proceedings

Given &ca. 19 Decr 1781

G. B. Rodney

To The Gunners of His Majesty's Ship Conqueror
Prothée
Anson and
Yarmouth or any three of them

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &c. &c. &c.

Whereas Captn Blair Commander of His Majesty's Ship Anson has represented to me that there is a Cable on board the said Ship much cut and rubbed so as to render the same unfit for service

You are hereby required and directed immediately to proceed on board the said ship and there take a strict and careful Survey on the said Bower Cable, reporting to me your proceedings therein

Given &c. 19 Decr 1781

G. B. Rodney

To The Masters of His Majesty's Ships Fame
Conqueror
Yarmouth and
Prothée or any three of them

By Sir Geo: B. Rodney Bart. K. B.
Admiral of the White and
Commander in Chief &c. &c. &c.

You are hereby required and directed, immediately to repair on board His Majesty's Ship Hercules, and there

act as a Supernumerary Lieutenant hereby strictly charging, the Officers, and Ships Company of the said ship, subordinate to you, to pay all proper Respect, and obedience, unto you, their said acting Supernumerary Lieutenant, as they will answer the Contrary at their Peril, and you, to execute and obey, all orders you may receive, from your Captain and other Superior Officers, for His Majesty's Service, as you will answer the Contrary at your Peril.

Given &c. 19 Decr 1781

G. B. Rodney

To Mr Chas Hobert
hereby appointed Acting Supernumerary Lieutenant
of His Majesty's Ship Hercules

By Sir George Bridges Rodney Bart.
&c. &c. &c.

In pursuance of Orders from the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty

You are hereby required and directed to put yourself under my Command and follow all such orders and directions as I may think it necessary to give you for His Majesty's Service

You are with all the dispatch possible to complete your Stores and Provisions, and hold the Ship under your Command in momentary readiness to put to Sea

Given under my hand on board
His Majesty's Ship Arrogant in
Cawsand Bay 21st Decr 1781

G. B. Rodney

To Captain Brisbane
Hercules
Captain Penny
Marlborough
Captain Fanshaw
Namur
Captain Symons
Formidable

By Sir Geo B. Rodney Bart. K. B
Admiral of the White and
Commander in Chief &c. &c. &c.

You are hereby required and directed, immediately to repair on board His Majesty's Ship Hercules, and there take on you the Charge and Command of her as Captain, and the Officers and Company of the said ship, are Hereby strictly charged and Commanded, to obey you as their said Captain, accordingly, and you also, to observe the General printed Instructions, and such Orders and Directions, as you may from Time to Time receive from me or any your superior Officers, for His Majesty's Service, hereof nor you, nor any of you, may fail as you will answer, the Contrary at your Peril.

Given under my Hand on board
His Majesty's Ship Arrogant.
Causand Bay Decr 22^{d} 1781

G. B. Rodney

To Captain Henry Savage
Hereby appointed to act as Captain
of His Majesty's Ship Hercules 'till further Orders

By Sir George Bridges Rodney Bart.
&c. &c. &c.

Whereas it has been represented to me that the Master of His Majesty's Ship Namur is by Infirmities rendered incapable of serving any longer at Sea

You are therefore hereby required and directed to immediately repair on board His Majesty's Ship Namur, and there act as Master until further Order, taking care to follow such Orders as you may from time to time re-

ceive from your Captain or any other of your superior officers as you will answer the contrary at your Peril.

Given under my hand &c.
Arrogant Causand Bay 23d Decr 1781

G. B. Rodney

To Mr. [blank]
hereby appointed to Act as Master of
His Majesty's Ship Namur until further orders

By Sir Geo. B. Rodney Bart. &c. &c. &c.

You are hereby required and directed to proceed immediately on board His Majesty's Ship the Formidable and there act as second Master of her until further orders taking care to follow such orders as you may from time to time receive from your Captain or any other of your superior officers as you will answer the contrary at your Peril

Given under my Hand &c.
Arrogant 24th Decr 1781

G. B. Rodney

To Mr. Tristram Hillman
hereby appointed to act as second Master of
His Majesty's Ship the Formidable until further orders

Arrogant 25th Decr 1781

Memorandum,

It is the Admiral's desire, that the Signal for calling Sailmakers on board, as expressed in the 31st Page of the Additional Instructions be altered in all the Books delivered out, to the same Flag, half way up the Ensign Staff.

Chas Douglass

[Marginal note:] Altered all the Signal Books ourselves

By Sir Geo: B. Rodney Bart. &c. &c. &c.

Captain Balfour of His Majesty's Ship Conqueror having represented to me by Letter of this date that the said Ship is extremely ill man'd,

You are hereby required and directed to repair on board her, and there to make a strict and impartial Survey of the Company of the said Ship and to report to me under your hands accordingly

Given under my Hand &c.
Arrogant 31st Decr 1781

G. B. Rodney

To Sir Chas. Douglas Bart.
Captain's Barbor, Cornish & Bucknor
or any three of them

By Sir Geo: B. Rodney Bart. &c. &c. &c.

Whereas Vice Admiral Milbanke Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels at Plymouth has requested me to suffer Mr Joseph Harris Purser of His Majesty's Ship Hercules (who is his Secretary) to remain with him at the said Port in order to carry on the duty thereof and the said Joseph Harris having also requested me to appoint You to act as his Deputy on board that Ship, and Whereas I think fit to comply therewith,

You are therefore hereby required and directed forthwith to repair on board His Majesty's Ship Hercules and act as Purser of her for the said Joseph Harris to all intents and purposes as if he himself was actually on board the said ship: for which this shall be your Order.

Given &c. Arrogant Causand Bay
1st Jany 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Mr John Waterhouse
hereby appointed to act as Purser of His Majesty's Ship Hercules for and in the absence of Mr Joseph Harris proper Purser of the said ship.

By Sir Geo. B. Rodney Bart. &c. &c. &c.

You are hereby required and directed to repair on board His Majesty's Sloop Alert and there to act as Gunner of her 'till further Order.

Given under my Hand &c.
Arrogant, Plymouth Sound
3d Jany 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Mr. Muce [1]
appointed to act as Gunner of
His Majesty's Sloop Alert 'till further Orders

By Sir Geo. B. Rodney Bart. &c. &c. &c.

Whereas I have appointed William Damerell to act as Carpenter of His Majesty's Ship Repulse in the Room of Samuel Cograve gone on Shore to Sick Quarters,

You are hereby required and directed to repair on board the said Ship and take a strict and careful Survey of the Carpenters Stores remaining on board her and leave them in the Charge of William Damerell the succeeding Carpenter, reporting to me from under your hands an account of the Proceedings.

Given under my Hand &c.
Arrogant Plymouth S^{d} 3^{d} Jany 1782

G. B. Rodney

To The Carpenters of the Namur,
Marlborough, Nonsuch & Hercules or any three of them

Arrogant 5th Jany 1782

The Admiral directs that the Captains of His Majesty's Ships under his Command, do make immediate applica-

[1] *Sic* for Muir. See record of transfer of Robert Muir, former gunner of the *Hercules*, from the *Formidable* to the *Alert*, in *Commission and Warrant Book of Appointments*, Rodney MSS., GD 20/17, in the Public Record Office, London.

tion to the Commissioner of His Majesty's Dock Yard, for being forthwith supplied with materials for the purpose of felling the sides of their Ships (as those of the Formidable and Arrogant are) with Sweep pieces, for the better traversing of their Guns, as also to the Storekeeper of His Majesty's Ordnance at this port, for materials for the fitting of their Gun carriages upon the Model of those of the Arrogant. The Locks according to the established pattern for such Guns as are bored to receiv[e] them, and for such as are not bored to receive Locks of that kind Musket Locks, Screw Nails for fixing them on, and Timber whereof to make Stock for fixing them on, in the manner as now is in use on board the Arrogant.

And moreover the Captains of His Majesty's Ships above alluded to are to apply to the Ordnance Storekeeper at this Port for Cartridges for their Great Guns; consisting of paper Sides with Flannel Bottoms, the carrying into immediate execution all such Improvements with respect to the Ships under Sr Geo: Rodney's Command having been established by Order of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty.

CHAS DOUGLASS

[Marginal note:] Flora, Fame, Yarmouth

By Sir Geo: B. Rodney Bart. &c. &c. &c.

Captain Savage having represented to me by Letter of this Day's date that the Sails mentioned in the Margin[1] belonging to His Ma^ys^ Ship Hercules under his Command having been bent since the ship returned from her Cruize and from a long Continuance of bad Weather found Black, Mildewed, Rotten and unfit for service, therefore requested I wou'd order a Survey on them,

You are hereby required and directed to repair on

[1] The list of sails was not copied into the Order-Book. Ed.

board the said ship and take a strict and careful Survey on the Sails complained of reporting to me from under your hands an account of your Proceedings

Given &c. Formidable Plymouth Sound
Jany 6th 1782.

G. B. Rodney

To The Masters of H. Maj^{s} Ships Conqueror, Fame, Arrogant, Prothée & Anson or any three of them

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By Sir Geo: B. Rodney &c. &c. &c.

You are hereby required and directed to repair on board His Majesty's Ship Nonsuch & act as Sailmaker on board her 'till further Orders strictly Charging and Commanding you to follow and obey all such Orders and Directions as you shall from time to time receive from your Captain or any other your superior Officer for His Majesty's Service

Given &c. Formidable
Plymouth Sound Jany 6, 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Robt Jacks
Sailmakers mate on board
His Majesty's Ship Hercules

By Sir Geo: B. Rodney Bart. &c. &c. &c.

You are hereby required and directed immediately to repair on board His Majesty's Ship Formidable and there act as Master at Arms in her 'till further Orders

Given &c. Formidable Plymouth Sound
Jany 6th 1782.

G. B. Rodney

To Mr John Wright
hereby appointed to act as Master at Arms on board His Majesty's Ship Formidable 'till further Orders

By Sir Geo: B. Rodney Bart. &c. &c. &c.

You are hereby required and directed to discharge from His Majesty's Ship Arrogant under your Command, into His Majesty's Ship Formidable, all such Petty Officers and Retinue &c. as came on board with me, also, those Petty Officers and Seamen who came from the Duke.

Given &c. Formidable, Plymouth Sound
Jany 6th 1782

for the Admiral Chas. Douglas

To Captain Cornish
Of His Majesty's Ship Arrogant

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &c. &c. &c.

You are hereby required and directed to discharge James Connell from His Majesty's Ship under your Command, as Insane

Given &c. Formidable, Plymouth Sound
Jany 7th 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captn Truscott
Nonsuch

By Sir Geo: B. Rodney Bart. &c. &c. &c.

Whereas the Crew of His Majesty's Ship Conqueror has been survey'd by my Order and found dificient in number of able Seamen to the working of the said ship.

You are hereby required and directed immediately to discharge twenty able Seamen from His Maj^{s} Ship Amazon under your Command into His Majesty's Ship Conqueror complying with the act of parliament.

Given &c. Formidable Plymouth Sound
Jany 8th 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captain Bickerton
Of His Majesty's Ship Amazon

By Sir Geo: B. Rodney Bart. &c. &c. &c.

Whereas Seamen are much wanted to complete the Complements of His Majesty's Ships under my Command at present with me, and as they must also be essentially necessary to keep up those now in the West Indies

You are hereby required and directed (after having completed your own Complement) to bear all such Seamen as you shall be able to raise for His Majesty's Service, on a Supernumerary List for Wages and Victuals, taking care particularly to specify all such in your Weekly Account.

Given &c. at Sea 8th Jany 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captain	Penny	Marlborough
"	Balfour	Conqueror
"	Barbor	Fame
"	Cornish	Arrogant
"	Fanshaw	Namur
"	Symons	Formidable
"	Dumaresque	Repulse
"	Blair	Anson
"	Parrey	Yarmouth
"	Truscott	Nonsuch
"	Savage	Hercules
"	Marshall	Flora
"	Vashon	Alert

By Sir Geo. B. Rodney Bart. &c. &c. &c.

You are hereby required & directed to repair without one Moments loss of time with His Majesty's Ship under your Command and join me with the remainder of the Squadron in Torbay

Given &c. Formidable Torbay 10 Jany 1782

C: D. for G: B: R.

To Captain Cornish
Arrogant.

By Sir Geo. B. Rodney Bart. &c. &c. &c.

You are hereby required & directed to repair without one Moments loss of time with his Majestys Ship under your Command and join me with the remainder of the Squadron in Torbay

Given &c. Formidable Torbay 10th Jany 1782

C: D for G: B: R.

To Captain Marshall
Flora

By Sir Geo. B. R[odney] &c. &c.

You are hereby required and directed to dis[charge from] His Majesty's hired Tender, under your Command, as follows

1 Able Seamen, 2 Ordinary, and a Landsman, into the Yarmou[th] and all the New raised Men, besides remaining, on board, into the Fame. Such as belong to His Majesty's Ships Princess Royal, Quebec, and Crocodile, as also the two Men with broken thighs, and the two Men, which you have receiv'd from the Sick Quarters, excepted.

Given &c. Formidable Torbay 10th Jany 1782

C. D. for G. B. Rodney

To Lieut. Collingwood
of His Majesty's Tender Union

By Sir Geo: B. Rodney Bart. &c. &c. &c.

You are hereby required and directed to repai[r] immediately on board His Majesty's Ship Hercules and act [as] additional Lieutenant on board her 'till you receive further Orders.

Given &c. Formidable Torbay Jany 10th 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Lieut Frans Wooldridge

A Similar Order deliver'd to the following Officers Viz^{t}

To Lieut. Deavidge Goold for the Conqueror
Lieut. Jas. Nichalls for the Namur
Lieut. Tim^{y} Gooldsmith for the Anson
Lieut. Thos. Affleck for the Yarmouth

By Sir Geo: B. Rodney Bart. &c. &c. &c.

You are hereby required and directed to repair immediately on board His Majesty's Ship Namur and there act as Lieutenant on board her 'till you receive further Order taking Rank and Precedence agreeable to the Date of your first Commission

hereby Charging & Commanding all the Officers and Company belonging to the said Ship subordinate to you, to behave themselves jointly and severally with all due respect and obedience unto you their said Lieutenant. And you likewise to observe and execute as well the General Printed Instructions as all such Orders and Directions, as you shall from time to time receive from your Captain or any other your Superior Officer for His Majesty's Service, hereof you, nor any of you fail; as you will answer the contrary at your peril.

Given &c. Formidable Torbay Jany 10th 1782

G. B. Rodney

Lieutenant Whitlock Nichol
on board His Majesty's Ship Formidable

A Similar Order to the following Officers Viz^{t}

Lieut. David Knox for the Yarmouth
Lieut. John Gardner for the Marlborough
Lieut. George Trip for the Marlborough

Formidable Torbay 10 Jany 1782

Memorandum,

Whereas it is of the utmost importance to His Majesty's Service that the Ships of the Squadron do not part Company

It is the Admiral's directions that every two Hours, the Lieutenant of the Watch do sign the Log Book in the Night with the Distance & Bearings of the Admiral's Lights.

CHAS. DOUGLAS

Namur, Marlborough, Conqueror, Fame, Prothée, Repulse, Nonsuch, Hercules, Alert, Formidable, Flora.

Formidable Torbay 11 Jany 1782

Memorandum,

The Admiral directs that the Captains of His Majesty's Ships under his Command do send in writing the Names of their Carpenters subjoining a List of their respective Crews, with their Qualities

CHAS DOUGLASS

Namur, Formidable, Marlborough, Conqueror, Fame, Prothée, Yarmouth, Repulse, Nonsuch, Alert, Flora

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Formidable Torbay 12 Jany 1782

Memorandum,

The Admiral directs, that Craft be hired immediately to supply His Majesty's Ships here under his Command, with Water. And all the Captains are hereby directed to authorize their respective Pursers, to pay by Bill, or otherwise, for such Craft, at the rate of one Guinea per Day for each Vessel, or otherwise according to usage.

CHAS. DOUGLASS

Formidable, Namur, Marlborough, Conqueror, Fame, Prothée, [An]son, [Ya]rmouth, Repulse, Nonsuch, Hercules, Alert, Flora

Formidable Torbay 12th January 1782

Memorandum,

The Admiral directs the Captains of His Majesty's Ships under his Command to be very careful that no more of their Iron bound Casks even Beer ones, be shaken than of Necessity must

CHAS. DOUGLAS

Formidable Torbay 13 Jany 1782

Memorandum,

It is the Admiral's directions that each Ship supply's His Majesty's Ship Formidable with a Canister of Portable Soup taken proper receipts for the same

CHAS DOUGLAS

Formidable at Sea 15th January 1782

Memorandum,

Whereas the difficulty & Expence attendant in procuring an adequate supply of Stores for His Majesty's Fleet, is so encreased, that the same cannot without the greatest difficulty at any Rate be obtained

It is the Admirals positive direction that the utmost circumspection and œconomy be used in the Expenditure thereof, especially in the Naval and Ordnance department. And he flatters himself from the Zeal and Attachment to His Majesty's Service of those Captains he has the honor to Command that they will be particularly attentive thereto, and lay their Officers chargeable therewith, under the strongest injunctions on that Head

CHAS. DOUGLAS

Namur, Marlborough, Conqueror, Fame, Anson, Yarmouth, Nonsuch, Arrogant, Hercules, Repulse, Flora, Alert

Formidable January 21st 1782

Memorandum,

The Admiral directs that the distinguishing Vanes, each consisting of two Breadths of Bunting, which his His Majesty's Ships under my Command are directed to wear; be spread upon proper Vane Boards traversing upon Wooden spindles and having the upper & lower staves of such boards of equal length: to render the Vanes at all times the more conspicuous, more especially in Calm Weather. And the Admiral further directs that the Ships under his Command do not Wear their Pendants at Sea but at such times as he shall wear his Middling or largest Flag.

CHAS. DOUGLAS

Namur, Marlborough, Conqueror, Fame, Anson, Yarmouth, Nonsuch, Arrogant, Hercules, Repulse, Flora, Alert

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Formidable January 21st 1782

Memorandum,

The Admiral directs that there be forthwith formed and trained to the use of small Arms, with the utmost assiduity, on board each His Majesty's Ships under his Command (besides the Marines or Land Forces serving on board any such) a Company of Landmen, under the title of Landers, to be Commanded by a Lieutenant and assisted by Petty Officers to consist of the Number, and to be otherwise officer'd as hereunto subjoined Viz.

A Ship of

Guns	Officers Petty Officers	Serjeants	Rank and File including Corporals	
90	4	5	100	Corporals 5
74 Unreduced	3	4	80	4
74 Reduced	3	4	70	4
64	3	3	60	3
60	2	2	50	2
50	2	2	42	2

The Admiral further directs that the Companies in question be particularly well Exercised to the use of Great Guns to the end, that they may be able, when required to serve Artillery on Shore. The subaltern Officers of such Companies, are to be selected from Amongst the Masters Mates and Midshipmen, The Serjeants from the Ships Corporals and the Corporals from amongst such other Landmen or Seamen as best Understand the Firelock, Such Eventual Subaltern Officers, Serjeants & Corporals, are Strictly to attend to the Exercising of the Marines or Land Infantry, on board their respective Ships, that they may be better enabled to Command in the Field the Private Men committed to their Charge.

CHAS. DOUGLAS

Namur, Marlborough, Conqueror, Fame, Anson, Yarmouth, Nonsuch, Arrogant, Hercules, Repulse, Flora, Alert

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Formidable at Sea January 21st 1782

Memorandum,

The Admiral directs and authorizes the Captains of His Majesty's Ships now and to be under his Command, to cause their Pursers to issue the allowed essence of Malt, to the respective Surgeons in such proportions and at such times, as they shall require for the better restoring the Health of their Patients, to whom it is not to be issued in lieu of any Sort of Provisions Eatable, or Drinkable but intirely gratis.

CHAS. DOUGLAS

Namur, Marlborough, Conqueror, Fame, Anson, Yarmouth, Nonsuch, Arrogant, Hercules, Repulse, Flora, Alert

Formidable at Sea Jany 21st 1782

Memorandum,

The Salubrity: particularly as an Antiscorbutic: of Cabbage prepared in the German-way and called Sour Kroutt: wherewith His Majesty's Fleet is now supply'd or to be supplied, at the Established rate of two Pounds a Week for each Man, having been strikingly manifested at Sea on many occasions. The Admiral directs the Captains of His Majesty's Ships under his Command: to cause their Pursers of Issue thereof, on Pease Days as following Viz^t

For every Gallon of Pease, and to be therewith Boil'd: from one Pound & a Half to two Pounds, and a Quarter of such Sour Cabbage, beginning with the lesser Quantity, and gradually encreasing it, as the Men shall find palatable, And the respective Cooks are to be directed, not to Wash the same, nor put it into the Coppers until the Pease shall be sufficiently broken, after which, about One Hours boiling will be sufficient. The Admiral further directs that on Beef days, there be issued raw of this wholesome Aliment half a Pound for each Man, and a Quarter of a Pound thereof, on Pork days, either to be dressed, or eaten as Sallad: at pleasure. He also directs the taking due Care: that the allowed Vinegar be regularly served, and the Use thereof particularly on Meat Days: strongly recommended. When at any time the Sour Kroutt begins to run short, the Pease & Beef days, are to have the preference with respect thereto when shorter still: the Pease days.

And whereas the very great Antiscorbutic Quality of Molasses, has been upon many occasions, happily experienced, in the Navy, insomuch that His Majesty's Ships are now regularly therewith Supplied, in lieu of a Part of their heretofore allowed Oatmeal (Eleven Pounds of Molasses being reckoned equal to two Gallons of such Oatmeal) the Admiral moreover directs the respective Captains to take Care, that there be therewith Boil'd on Monday's Wednesday's and Friday's One Pound of Molasses for each Gallon thereof, and that the Cooks of the

Ships be directed to mix such Molasses accordingly by putting the same into the Tub immediately after the Bargo is drawn off & stirring the whole well round untill sufficiently intermixed. And to the end, that the efficacy of this powerful antiscorbutic may be yet further extended, The Admiral hereby directs and Authorizes the Captains of His Majesty's Ships respectively, to cause their Pursers to Issue with every three Pounds of Flour: Half a Pound of such Molasses (over and above the Established proportion of Raisins or suet, and to all such as chuse to make use of the same) to be mixed up with the Flour into Puddings And to prevent any misapplication thereof, Care is to be taken by the Pursers Stewards, in serving the same that it be poured into the Bowl or Platter into which the Flour is to be receiv'd, and afterwards therewith well stirred round therein. The Admiral further Orders that for every Eleven Pounds of Molasses, issued as above directed to better the Puddings, there be with held Two Gallons of Oatmeal, from the Quantity Allowed by establishment, to be Boil'd on Wednesday's & Friday's.

And Whereas it is known, that heretofore on board divers of His Majesty's Ships, it sometimes became the Practice to Boil no Oatmeal at all, and in lieu thereof to serve their Companies with Pease on Monday's for Dinner, the Admiral hereby signifies his disapprobation thereof to the end that no such Practice may ever obtain in the Fleet under his Command which is hereby forbidden accordingly while any Oatmeal remains on board

CHAS DOUGLAS

Namur, Marlborough, Conqueror, Fame, Anson, Yarmouth, Nonsuch, Arrogant, Hercules, Repulse, Flora, Alert.

Formidable January 27th 1782

Memorandum,

The Admiral directs the Captains of His Majesty's Ships under his Command, never to come nearer to that on board of which his Flag now is or hereafter may be flying, during bad Weather: nor to each other, more especially towards the Evening, and in the Night, than at the distance of the length of four Cables. The same Caution is enjoined during light Airs of Wind, with a Swell, or at any time, when likely to become Calm. He further Enjoins the Observance of Strict Conformity to his motions according to the Ancient practice of the Navy, as far as may be consistent with keeping their respective Stations, or paying obedience to his Orders, whither Signified by Signal or otherwise But at the same time that the Admiral guards against accidents, as above Expressed, he directs, that the respective distances above mentioned be not exceeded more especially towa[r]ds break of Day in the morning, to the end that the Fleet or squadron may be in readiness to form itself in close order of Battle, with all possible expedition, and thereby (possibly) have opportunity of penetrating into an Enemy's Fleet scattered and unprepared

CHAS. DOUGLAS

Namur, Marlborough, Conqueror, Fame, Anson, Yarmouth, Nonsuch, Arrogant, Hercules, Repulse, Flora, Alert

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Formidable, January 27th 1782

Memorandum,

The Admiral directs, that His Majesty's Ships under his Command which do not carry their distinguishing Vanes at the Main top Gallant-mast head: do not make use of any other thereat; for the purpose of seeing how the Wind is, being of more than half the breadth of such distinguishing Vane, at most.

CHAS. DOUGLAS

Formidable January 27th 1782.

Memorandum,

For the better preservation of the health of the Men, the Admiral recommends it to the Captains under his Command, to put the Companies of their respective Ships to three Watches, while their Numbers shall admit thereof, and their merit and Alacrity entitle them to such Indulgence.

CHAS. DOUGLAS

Formidable January 27, 1782

Memorandum,

Untill the Prothée rejoins the Fleet the Anson is to take her Station in the Line of Battle as also in the order of Sailing

CHAS. DOUGLAS

Formidable Jany 27, 1782

Memorandum,

The Admiral directs, each of the Captains of His Majesty's Ships under his Command to cause the Officer having charge of the Watch, on his releiving the Deck, by Night, at all times, and during the Day, in thick or Hazey Weather, to see Noted down on the Log board, and to sign with his own hand, the Bearings & Distance of the Admirals Ship or of that of the Commander of his respective Division in the presence of the Officer whom he releives, to the end that in case of any Ship being out of her Station or loosing Company, the Admiral may know what Officer to call upon, to be to him accountable, in either respect.

CHAS. DOUGLAS

Formidable January 27th 1782

Memorandum,

The Admiral directs the Captains of His Majesty's Ships under his Command, Each to Specify in Pounds, on the back of his Weekly Account, the quantity of Sour Kroutt, remaining on board, and in Gallons the remaining Quantities of Molasses and Pearl Barley standing charged to the Purser.

CHAS. DOUGLAS

Formidable January 27th 1782

Memorandum,

The Admiral directs the Captains of His Majesty's Ships under his Command, to be very careful to preserve, unshaken: all their Water Casks, of every Size, and moreover, as many of their beer butts as therewith shall contain, if possible, a sufficient quantity of water for their respective Compleat Complements for the space of twelve weeks at least, reckoning at the rate of One Butt per Diem for a Hundred and ten Men.

CHAS. DOUGLAS

Namur, Marlborough, Conqueror, Fame, Anson, Yarmouth, Nonsuch, Arrogant, Hercules, Repulse, Flora, Alert.

Formidable 5th February 1782

Memorandum,

The Admiral directs the Captains of His Majesty's Fleet under his Command to order the Heads of their empty Beer Casks, to be taken out, and properly clean'd, ready to receive Water, as there will be no time to do it in port and it is necessary, that every Ship shou'd take as much Water as she can possibly stow

Namur, Marlborough, Conqueror, Fame, Anson, Yarmouth, Nonsuch, Arrogant, Hercules, Repulse, Flora, Alert

By Sir Geo: B. Rodney Bart. &c. &c. &c.

Whereas it will probably become expedient to Land from the Fleet under my Command besides the Marines many Seamen embodied as Infantry to act on Shore against His Majesty's Enemies,

You are hereby required and directed to order the Purser of His Majesty's Ship under your Command to get made with all possible dispatch out of your emptied Dry or Wine Casks, Twenty Iron bound Keggs (rather longer than the usual proportion) each containing four Gallons to be carried by Negroes for the purpose of supplying with Water in case of landing the Armed Men above alluded to, during their operations on Shore, and the Keggs in question are to be properly slung and seasoned, as soon as you arrive in Port.

Given &c. at Sea 5th Feby 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captain	Penny	Marlborough
"	Balfour	Conqueror
"	Barbor	Fame
"	Cornish	Arrogant
"	Fanshaw	Namur
"	Symons	Formidable
"	Dumaresque	Repulse
"	Blair	Anson
"	Parrey	Yarmouth
"	Truscott	Nonsuch
"	Savage	Hercules
"	Marshall	Flora
"	Vashon	Alert

Formidable 9th February 1782

Memorandum,

The Admiral directs that the Captains of His Majesty's Ships be particularly careful in causing due Attention to be paid to the latter part of the Memorandum of the

27th January to the end, that the Fleet at all Times may be in proper sailing order, more especially towards break of day in the Morning, for the purpose therein mentioned, as also to be ready for sending their Boats on board the Admiral or any Signal being made

CHAS. DOUGLAS

Namur, Marlborough, Conqueror, Fame, Anson, Yarmouth, Nonsuch, Arrogant, Hercules, Repulse, Flora, Alert

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By Sir G. B. Rodney, Bart. K B &c. &c. &c.

Captain Symons Commander of His Majesty's Ship Formidable, having represented to me by Letter of the 11th Instant, that there is on board the said Ship, a quantity of Butter, Cheese and Pearl Barley Stinking, Putrid, and not fit for Men to eat, requesting a Survey thereon.

You are hereby required and directed to take a strict and impartial Survey of the Articles so complained of, and in Case the Pearl Barley and Cheese, appears to you, as above described; You are to see the same thrown overboard into the Sea, delivering the butter into the Boatswains Charge, to be by him converted into Grease, reporting to me your proceedings therein.

Given under my hand &c. &c. &c.
at Sea 18th February 1782.

G. B. RODNEY

To The Master and two Masters Mates
of His Majesty's Ship Formidable

By Sir G. B. Rodney &c. &c. &c.

You are hereby required and directed to put yourself under my Command, and follow such Orders and Direc-

tions, as you shall from Time to Time, receive from me, for His Majesty's Service

Given under my hand &c. &c. &c.
19th feb^{y} 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Respective Captains
Nymph, Royal Oak, Convert, Robust, Janus, Hornet, Germain

Captain Goodall, Valiant	5th March 1782	
" Gardner, Duke	7th "	"

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &c. &c. &c.

You are hereby required and directed to put yourself under my Command and follow such Orders & directions as you shall from Time to Time receive from me for His Majesty's Service

off Barbadoes 19 february 1782

G. B. R.

To Sir Saml Hood Bart
Rear Admiral of the Blue &c.

Ditto to Rear Adm^{l} Drake
Ditto to Commo. Affleck

By Sir Geo: B. Rodney Bart. &c. &c. &c.

You are hereby required and directed immediately to put the Company of His Majesty's Ship under your Command, to two thirds allowance of Bread 'till further Orders.

Given under my hand &c. &c. &c.
Carlisle Bay, Barbadoes 19th Feby 1782

G. B. Rodney

Marlborough, Hercules, Yarmouth, Nonsuch, Anson, Namur, Formidable, Conqueror, Repulse, Prothée, Fame, Arrogant, Flora, Alert

By Sir Geo: B. Rodney Bart. &c. &c. &c.

You are hereby required and directed on your Arrival at this Island to remain on this Station 'till further Orders with His Majesty's Ships or Vessels that may arrive with you from the Coast of Guinea, occasionally cruizing to Windward in the Manner you shall think most likely to conduce to the Defence thereof and for the Protection of the Trade of His Majesty's Subjects especially the Convoy, which may be daily expected to arrive from Europe, taking Care to impart any intelligence you may think necessary to me at St Kitts or where else you may learn I am.

Given &c. in Carlisle Bay, Barbadoes
19 Feby 178[2]

G. B. Rodney

To Captain Shirley of His Majesty Ship Leander
To the care of the Commanding Officer of His Majesty's Ships for the time being if none there to the Care of the Collector of the Customs

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By Sir Geo: B. Rodney Bart. &c. &c. &c.

You are hereby required and directed to cause all such of His Majsty's Ships and Vessels as may arrive here from England or elsewhere except any that may be charged with dispatches for me to remain at this Island or St Lucia 'till further Orders to assist the Governors thereof on the Defence of the said Islands and to protect the Trade dividing the said Ships as nearly equal between them as possible unless any immediate impending Danger shou'd make you judge it necessary to send the greater force to St Lucia in which Case you are to retain only two at Barbadoes.

Given &c. &c. &c. 19 Feby 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captain Shurley,
Leander,
or Commanding Officer &c. &c. &c.

By Sir Geo: B. Rodney Bart. &c. &c. &c.

Whereas in the present Emergency of affairs, Frigates & Sloops of War are much wanted for His Majesty's Service, and as it has been represented to me that there are now at this Island two Privateers (called the Scourge and the Roade) which have been lately captured from the Enemy proper for His Majesty's Service,

You are hereby required and directed if in a proper Survey thereon, they shall be found fit for the Purpose, to purchase them, on the best and Cheapest terms they can be procured for His Majesty's Service, accordingly.

Given &c. &c. &c. 19 Feby 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Mr Raggett
Storekeeper Barbadoes

By Sir Geo: B. Rodney Bart. &c. &c. &c.

You are hereby required and directed to repair on board the Scourge and Roade two Privateers which have been lately Captured from the Enemy & take a strict and impartial Survey on the Hulls, Rigging, Furniture & Ordnance Stores of the said two Vessels & report to me (or the Commanding Officer for the time being of His Majesty's Ships in this Bay for the information of the Naval Officer the State & Condition together with the Valuation of the same, and you are further directed to take this Survey with such Care & Equity that if required you may be ready to make Oath to the impartiality of your Proceedings.

Given &c. Formidable 19th Feby 1782

G. B. Rodney

To The Masters, Gunners & Carpenters
of His Majesty's Ships Formidable, Fame
and Marlborough or any of His Majesty's Ships
at Barbadoes for the time being

By Sir G. B. Rodney B^{t} K. B. &c. &c. &c.

You are hereby required and directed to compleat the provisions of His Majestys Ship under your Command to Four Months, and from Time to Time (whenever opportunity offers) constantly to keep her so regarding this as a Standing Order.

Given under &c. &c. &c. off Barbadoes
19 february 1782

G. B. R.

Nymph, Royal Oak, Convert

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. K B &c. &c. &c.

Whereas I judge it necessary for His Majesty's Service that the Fleet under my Command should compleat their provisions to four Month's of all Species;

You are hereby required and directed, to give the Necessary Orders to the Captains of your Division, that they keep their Ships compleated accordingly.

Given under &c. &c. &c. off Barbadoes
19th Feby 1782

G. B. R.

To Sir Saml Hood Bart Rear Admiral of the Blue &c.

D^{o} Rear Ad^{l} Drake
D^{o} Comm^{r} Affleck

LINE OF BATTLE

Royal Oak to lead on the Starboard } Tack
Marlborough to lead on the Larboard }

Division

Rear Adm[l] S[r] Sam[l] Hood Bart. &c. &c. &c.

Frigates	Rates	Ships	Commanders	Guns	Men
	3d	Royal Oak	Captain Burnett	74	600
Lizard	"	Alfred	" Bayne	74	600
	"	Montagu	" Bowen	74	600
La Nymphe	"	Yarmouth	" Parrey	64	500
	"	Invincible	" Saxton	74	600
Champion to repeat	2d	Barfleur	S[r] Sam[l] Hood Bart. Capt[n] Knight	90	767
	3d	Monarch	" Reynolds	74	600
	"	Belliqueux	" Sutherland	64	500
Zebra	"	Centaur	" Inglefield	74	650
	"	Shrewsbury	" West	74	600
	"	Prince William	" Wilkinson	64	500

Division

Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &c. &c. &c.
Commander in Chief

Frigates	Rates	Ships	Commanders	Guns	Men
	3d	Bedford	Commodore Affleck Captain Graves	74	617
Blast	"	Ajax	" Charrington	74	550
	"	Repulse	" Dumaresq	64	500
Convert	"	Canada	H[ble] Wm. Cornwallis	74	600
	"	St. Albans	Captain Inglis	64	500
Fortunée	2d	Namur	Captain Fanshawe	90	750
Flora to repeat Alert	"	Formidable	Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. Sir Chas. Douglas Bart. 1 Capt. Capt[n] Symons	90	750
	"	Prince George	" Williams	90	750
Sybil	3d	Intrepid	" Molloy	64	500
	"	Resolution	R[t] Honble L[d] R[t] Manners	74	600
Pegasus	"	Prothée	Captain Buckner	64	500
	"	Hercules	" Savage	74	600
Salamander	"	America	" S. Thompson	64	500

DIVISION

Rear Adm[l] Drake &c. &c. &c.

Frigates	Rates	Ships	Commanders	Guns	Men
	3d	Russel	Captain Saumerez	74	600
Germaine	"	Prudent	" Barkley	64	500
	"	Fame	" Barbor	74	550
	"	Anson	" Blair	64	500
	"	Torbay	" Gedoin	74	600
Eurydice to repeat	"	Princessa	Fran[s] Sam[l] Drake Esq[r] Capt[n] Knatchbull	70	577
	"	Conqueror	" Balfour	74	600
Triton	"	Nonsuch	" Truscott	64	500
Santa Monica	"	Alcide	" C. Thompson	74	600
	"	Arrogant	" Cornish	74	600
	"	Marlborough	" Penny	74	600

All accidental Frigates to be opposite the Centre Division

Given &c. &c. &c. off Barbadoes
19th Feb[y] 1782

G. B. RODNEY

To Captain Symons
of His Majesty's Ship Formidable

N. B. Deliver'd to all the Ships in the Fleet

SIGNALS

Additional Signals, relative to the Landing of Marines and Companies of Landers.

Article 1st. For all the Marines of the Fleet to prepare for Landing

A Yellow Flag with a Blue Fly, at the Mizen topmast head and One Gun.

2d. For the Marines of the Centre Division to prepare for Landing

A Yellow Flag with a Blue Fly, at the Mizen topmast head, with a Red Pendant under it, and One Gun.

3d. For the Marines of the Van Division to prepare for Landing

A Yellow Flag with a Blue Fly, at the Mizen topmast head, with a White Pendant under it, and One Gun

4th. For the Marines of the Rear Rear Division to prepare for Landing

A Yellow Flag with a Blue Fly, at the Mizen topmast head, with a Blue Pendant under it, and One Gun

5th. For the Marines (in whole or in part) having been previously directed to prepare themselves for Landing, as above expressed to get into the Boats.

A Flag Red White & Red, at the Fore top gallant mast head and One Gun.

To Land

A Blue Pendant under the said Flag and One Gun.

6th. For the Companies of Men belonging to the Fleet Embodied for Acting on Shore, and called Landers to prepare for Landing

A White Flag with a Red Fly, at the Fore top gallant mast head & One Gun.

7th. For the Companies of Landers of the Centre Division to prepare for Landing

A White Flag with a Red Fly, at the Fore top gallant mast head with a Red Pendant under it, and One Gun.

8th. For the Companies of Landers of the Van Division to prepare for Landing

A White Flag with a Red Fly, at the Fort top gallant mast head, with a White Pendant under it, and One Gun.

9th. For the Companies of Landers of the Rear Division to prepare for Landing

A White Flag with a Red Fly, at the Fore top gallant mast head, with a Blue Pendant under it, and One Gun.

10th. For the Companies of Landers (in whole or in part) having been previously directed to prepare themselves for Landing to get into the Boats.

A Flag Red, White & Red at the Main top gallant mast head and One Gun.

To Land

A Red Pendant under the said Flag and One Gun.

11th. If at any time after the Signal shall have been made for Marines or Landers to prepare themselves for Landing, the Admiral shou'd think proper to Land a lesser Number, for Example, those belonging to One Division only

The preparative Signal for those of such Division (respectively) as shall be then destined to Land, will be made afresh.

N. B. When at any time the Signal for Marines or Landers is made to get into the Boats: they are immediately to repair to the Flag Ships of their respective Divisions.

On the Signal being made for Marines or Landers to prepare for Landing, Each Man is to be furnished with Two Days Beef or Pork ready boiled and two Days Bread and every Eight Men with a four Gallon Kegg full of Water.

The Landers are to be arm'd with Musquets and Bayonets, or (some of them) with Pistols and Pole Axes, as occasion may require, for which purpose the Weapons last mentioned are to be kept in constant readiness for being landed with them, in the following proportion, Viz^t for every Two Landers, One Pair of Pistols, and One Pole Axe, to the end that the most active half thereof (sustained by the Musquets and Bayonets of the other) may be suitably Armed for the purpose of Scaling Walls or Heighths by the means of Ladders or otherwise.

For every Marine so Landing (besides what his Cartouch Box contains) Twenty six full Musquet Cartridges are to be landed and for each Lander (besides what his Cartouch Box contains) Eighteen full Musquet Cartridges are to be landed. N. B. In two distinct Boxes, and Each Marine or Lander is to be furnished with two spare Flints.

For every Pair of Pistols, which are to be distributed as above: before or after Landing as occasion may require, One Cartouch Box filled with the proper Cartridges is to be given out on board or sent on Shore.

Given under my Hand on board His
Majesty's Ship Formidable off Barbadoes
19th Feby 1782

G. B. Rodney

SIGNALS

When I wou'd speak with the Captain of any of His Majesty's Ships or Vessels undermentioned I will put abroad the Pendant against each expressed. If for a Lieutenant the same Signal with a Jack in the Mizen topmast shrouds. If for a Boat, with a Petty Officer only, the Jack will be hoisted at the Ensign Staff.

Ships of the Line			Place
Red	White	Blue	
Royal Oak	Marlborough	Conqueror	Main Topmast Head
America	Arrogant	St. Albans	Fore Topmast Head
Canada	Prothée	Namur	Mizen Topmast Head
Formidable	Alcide	Repulse	Main Topsail Yard
Yarmouth	Nonsuch	Resolution	Fore Topsail Yard
Hercules	Montagu	Bedford	Mizen Topsail Yard
Russel	Ajax	Barfleur	Main Yard

Ships of the Line		
Stripid Red and White	Stripid Blue and White	
Fame	Alfred	Main Topmast Head
Invincible	Monarch	Fore Topmast Head
Torbay	Prudent	Mizen Topmast Head
Intrepid	Anson	Main Topsail Yard
Centaur	Prince George	Fore Topsail Yard
Princessa	Prince William	Mizen Topsail Yard
Shrewsbury	Belliqueux	Main Yard

Frigates &c.			Place
Stripid Blue & Yellow		Checquered Blue & White	
Flora		Sybil	Main Topmast Head
La Nymphe		Champion	Fore Topmast Head
Fortunée		St Eustatius	Mizen Topmast Head
Santa Monica			Main Topsail Yard
Convert			Fore Topsail Yard
Pegasus			Mizen Topsail Yard
Lizard			Main Yard
Eurydice			Fore Yard
Triton			Cross Jack Yard
Sloops &c.			
Yellow	Checquered Red and White	Checquered Blue and Yellow	
Zebra			Main Topmast Head
Alert			Fore Topmast Head
Star	Pacahunta		Mizen Topmast Head
Surprize	Experiment	Henry	Main Topsail Yard
Blast			Fore Topsail Yard
St. Vincente	Reynard		Mizen Topsail Yard
Salamander	Gross Islet	Germaine	Main Yard
Tickler			Fore Yard
Hornett	Jane		Cross Jack Yard

Given &c. &c. &c. off Barbadoes
19th February 1782

G. B. Rodney

Vanes	Fore	Main	Mizen
Red	America	Marlborough	Royal-Oak
White	Canada	Conqueror	Alfred
Blue	Prothée	Fame	Invincible
Red, White Fly	Namur	Arrogant	Monarch
White, Red Fly	Repulse	Torbay	Yarmouth
½ Red, ½ White	Intrepid	Prudent	Centaur
½ White, ½ Red	Resolution	Alcide	Montagu
Blue, White Fly	St Albans	Anson	Prince William
White, Blue Fly	Hercules	Nonsuch	Shrewsbury
½ Blue, ½ White	Ajax	Russell	Belliqueux
½ White, ½ Blue	[blank]	[blank]	[blank]
White, Red Ball	Duke	Prince George	Valiant
White, Blue Ball	[blank]	[blank]	Warrior
Red, White, Red athwart	Flora	Triton	[blank]
White, Red, White athwart	Santa Monica	St Eustatius	[blank]

Vanes	Fore	Main	Mizen
Red, White, Red Longways	La Nymphe	Sybil	[blank]
White, Red, White Longways	Fortunée	Champion	[blank]
Blue, White, Blue athwart	Convert	Zebra	Germaine
White, Blue, White athwart	Eurydice	Surprize	[blank]
Blue, White, Blue Longways	Pegasus	Alert	Reynard
White, Blue, White Longways	Lizard	Star	Pacahunta
Yellow	Salamander	Blast	[blank]

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart K B &c. &c. &c.

You are hereby required and directed in Case His Excellency the Governor or the Commanding Officer of His Majesty's Forces at Barbadoes shou'd apply to you to secure any State prisoners, accordingly to receive and securely to keep any such, on board His Majesty's Ship or Vessel under your Command, and for so doing this shall be your Order.

Given &c. &c. &c. Carlisle bay
20th feb^{y} 1782

G. B. Rodney

To The Commanding Officer
for the Time being of His Majesty's Ships
& Vessels at Barbadoes.

By Sir Geo. B. Rodney Bart. K. B. &c. &c. &c.

You are hereby required and directed to put yourself under my Command, and follow such Orders and Directions, as you shall from Time to Time receive from me, for His Majesty's Service.

Given &c. &c. &c. at Sea 20 feb^{y} 1782

G. B. Rodney

To The Commanding Officer of His Maj^{s} Ships
and Vessells at Antigua

By Sir G. B. Rodney K^{t} B. &c. &c. &c.

You are hereby required and directed to proceed with H. M. Sloop under your Command and deliver the inclosed dispatches to Comm^{r} Laforey or the Commanding Officer of H. M. Ships in English Harbour, in Case you meet with the Enemy's fleet, or any of their ships superior to you, you are to rejoin me with all the Dispatch possible & in Case you should be in Danger of being taken you are to destroy this order and your Dispatches.

On your arrival off English Harbour you are to acquaint Mr. Laforey or the Commanding Officer that they may hourly expect my appearance with the Fleet under my Command & that I should be glad not a Moment may be delay'd in sending me Intelligence relative to the Situation of Sir S. Hood & the Fleet under his Command.

On my appearing off Antigua you are to join me with the utmost dispatch.

Given &c. 20 feb^{y} 1782 (at Sea)

G B R

Capt Vashon
of H. M. Sloop Alert

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &c. &c. &c.

Whereas I have receiv'd Intelligence from Captn Burnett of His Majesty's Ship Royal Oak, that Sr Saml Hood with the Fleet under his Command, sailed Yesterday from St John's Road, to the Northward in Order to make his Passage to Barbadoes round the Island of Barbuda

You are hereby required and directed without a Moments Loss of time to make sail to Windward, as far as fifty Leagues in the Lattitude of Antigua, when you arrive on that Station You are to keep the best look out possible for Sr Saml Hood and deliver him the inclosed Dispatches, but shou'd you not meet with him in two

Days after your Arrival on your Station, You are to make the best of your way to Barbadoes, Where shou'd you not find Sr Saml Hood you are to leave your Dispatches with the Commanding Officer of His Majesty's Ships there, and immediately to repair Yourself to Gross Islet Bay St Lucia

Given &c. &c. &c.
off English Harbour Antigua, 23d February 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captain Blair
Anson

P. S. You are to give every assistance in your Power to Genl St. Leger, in case the Island of St Lucia shou'd be attacked, and to Defend Pigeon Island, to the last Extremity.

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &c. &c. &c.

You are hereby required and directed to join me with His Majesty's Ship under your Command off English Harbour to Morrow Morning as early as possible.

Given &c. &c. &c.
Off English Harbour Antigua, 23d Feby 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captain Burnett
Royal Oak

By S. G. B. Rodney Bt. K. B. &c. &c. &c.

Whereas several Occasions may arise when it may be for the good of the Service that Court Martials should be held at English Harbour;

By Virtue of the Power and Authority to me given, I do hereby authorize and impower you during the time

your Broad Pendant is flying in English Harbour and in the absence of a senior Officer, to assemble such Court Martial as you shall judge necessary for the good of His Majesty's Service.

Given under &c. &c. &c. off English Harbour Antigua 24th Feby 1782

G. B. R.

To John Laforey Esqr &c. &c. &c.

By Command of the Admiral
W. P.

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bt. K. B &c. &c. &c.

You are hereby required and directed to take all such of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels as may arrive at the different Ports of Antigua, under your Command for the purposes of carrying into Execution the orders you may from Time to Time receive from me for His Majesty's Service: for which this shall be your Order.

Given &c. &c. 24th Feby 1782

G. B. R.

To John Laforey Esqr &c. &c. &c.

By S. G. B. Rodney Bt. &c. &c. &c.

You are hereby required and directed to put yourself under the Command of John Laforey Esqr and follow his orders for your further proceedings.

Given &c. &c. &c. 24th Feby 1782

G. B. R.

To The Captains of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels that may arrive at the different Ports of the Island of Antigua

Formidable off English Harb^r Antigua
24th Febr^y 1782

Memorandum

It it my Direction that the Ships or Vessels sent from English Harbour to join me turn to Windward between the Island of Antigua and Guadeloupe and by no Means go round to the Northward unless absolutely necessary.

To Captain Burnett

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bt. &c. &c.

You are hereby required and directed to employ all such Frigates and Vessels at the Island of Antigua which are not otherwise disposed of by me, in such Manner as you shall judge proper for the defence of the said Island untill I shall order them on other Service.

Given &c. &c. 24 Feby 1782

G. B. R.

To John Laforey Esqr &c. &c. &c.

By S. G. B. Rodney Bt. &c. &c. &c.

Cancell'd

You are hereby required and directed in Case of the Island of Antigua being attacked by the Enemy to co-operate with the Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Land Forces in the Defence thereof to the last Extremity taking Care frequently to dispatch Intelligence to me agreeable to the inclosed Rendezvous.

Cancell'd

Given &c. &c. 24th Feby 1782

G. B. R.

Sir G. B. Rodney Bt. K. B. &c. &c. &c.

You are hereby required and directed to repair immediately to English Harbour and put the Super-

numeraries now on board His Majesty's Ship under your Command, on board the Royal Oak and Yarmouth after which you are to rejoin me with the utmost Expedition at Gros Islet Bay, St. Lucia.

Given under &c. &c. 24th Feby 1782

G. B. R.

Captain Harvey
Convert

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &c. &c. &c.

You are hereby required and directed to proceed without Loss of Time, to Gros Islet Bay St. Lucia; and be particularly attentive to the defence of Pegeon Island, near which you are to moor your Ship, and defend it, to the utmost of your power, and are to give every assistance in your power, to General St. Leger and His Majesty's Troops, in Case the Enemy shou'd attack St. Lucia.

Given &c. &c. &c. off Antigua
24 february 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captain Savage
of His Majestys Ship Hercules

By Sir G B Rodney Bart &c. &c. &c.

You are hereby required and directed instantly on the Receipt of this Order not to lose a Moments Time in joining me, with His Majesty's Ship under your Command Off Gros Islet Bay St. Lucia

Given &c. &c. &c. Off English Harbour
24 feb^{y} 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captain Burnett
His Majestys Ship Royal Oak

Ditto to Captn Parrey of the Yarmouth

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &c. &c. &c.

You are hereby required and directed to proceed without loss of Time to Gross Islet Bay St Lucia and be particularly attentive to the defence of Pigeon Island, near which you are to moor your Ship and land your Sick, or as many of them as cannot be cured on board.

You are to co-opperate and give every assistance to Brigad[r] Gen[l] St. Leger, or the Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Forces on St Lucia in Case the Enemy shou'd attack that Island, and hold yourself in momentary readiness to Join me, keeping your Water and Provisions compleat.

Shou'd you be senior Officer you are to take the other Ships under your Command and dispatch one of them with any intelligence you may think it necessary for me to be acquainted with. I shall be Cruizing to Windward of Martinique between that Island and Barbadoes not finding me there, the Vessel you dispatch must repair to Carlisle Bay Barbadoes.

Given &c. &c. &c. at Sea 27th february 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captain Barbor
Fame

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &c. &c. &c.

You are hereby required and directed to proceed with all the expedition possible, to Carlisle Bay Barbadoes, where you are to deliver the Inclosed dispatches, agreeable to their address, and remain yourself there 'till further Orders, unless there shou'd be any Intelligence necessary for me to be made acquainted with, in which Case, you are instantly to rejoin me, in Gross Islet Bay St Lucia

Given &c. &c. &c. at Sea 28th Feb[y] 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captain Kepple
Germaine

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. K. B. Vice Admiral of Great Britain Admiral of the White & Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels employ'd and to be employed at Barbadoes, the Leeward Islands and the Sea adjacent.

Whereas in the present situation of Affairs the Island of St Lucia must necessarily continue, as it has been during the Course of this War, the principal Rendezvous and Resort of the great Fleet of His Majesty's Ships employed in these Seas, which must constantly require being refitted here, as the Port of English Harbour, which is in itself incapable of receiving several of them, and too far to Leeward for such to be sent to as it can receive, in time of actual Service, and neither His Majesty's Navy Board at home nor the Commissioner at English Harbour have thought proper to appoint a Person to superintend such of His Majesty's Naval Stores that must be deposited here; And as I think it absolutely necessary for the Publick Service that a Person shou'd be appointed for that purpose, as well as to Muster the Companies of such Ships and Vessels, for the want of which there is too much reason to apprehend many undue & imperfect returns thereof have been and may be made to the great detriment of His Majesty's Service. Confiding in your abilities and integrity for the discharge of their important Duties.

I do hereby appoint you to act as His Majesty's Naval Storekeeper and Clerk of the Checque at St Lucia accordingly, Strictly charging you to see that no Embezzlement be made of any of His Majesty's said Stores, and that the same be on proper Demands regularly issued and others that may be wanted and not then in Store (on your receiving a proper Sanction from me or His Majesty's Commanding Officer at this Island) be purchased on the best and cheapest terms possible for which you are to drawn Bills on the Commissioners of His Ma-

jesty's Navy the same being approved by the Commanding Officer at this Island for the time being; and you are on all proper occasions to repair on board His Majesty's Ships and Vessels that may from time to time arrive, and there strictly and impartially to Muster their Companies and make regular returns thereof to me, or the Commanding Officer for the time being, and that in all respects you duly perform the Duty of Naval Storekeeper and Clerk of the Checque at St Lucia, 'till further Order.

For which you shall be intitled to the usual Salary of Two Hundred Pounds Sterling ℔ Annum, and for the discharge of the aforesaid Offices this shall be your Warrant, the better to perform which you are also hereby authorized to hire an Assistant or Clerk.

Given &c &c &c [blank] March 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Mr Thomas Turquand
hereby appointed to act as Naval Storekeeper and Clerk of the Checque at St Lucia

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By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &c. &c. &c.

You are hereby required and directed instantly to proceed to Gross Islet Bay, St Lucia, and join me there with His Majesty's Ship under your Command.

Given &c. &c. &c. at Sea 1st March 1782

G. B. Rodney

To The Captains Of any Line of Battle Ships,
that may arrive at Barbadoes.

N. B. This Order to remain with the Senior Officer of His Majesty's Ships for the time being, to be Shewn occasionally to such Captains as may require.

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &c. &c. &c.

You are hereby required and directed immediately to join me with His Majesty's Ship under your Command at Gross Islet Bay and bring down with you fifty of the best Men brought by the Stormont from Demarara.

Given &c. &c. &c. at Sea 1st March 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captain Rodney
Sybil

Omitted in its proper place

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &c. &c. &c

You are hereby required and directed, to call before you, Mr John Rodney, and Mr John Brown, Midshipman, in his Majesty's Squadron, under my Command, and examine them touching their Qualifications, to serve in His Majesty's Navy as Lieutenants, and to report to me, by Certificate, under your hands, accordingly.

Given under my Hand on board His
Majesty's Ship Sandwich off Sandy Hook
10th Sept. 1780

G. B. Rodney

To Captain Affleck
Burnett & Barkley

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &ca. &ca. &ca.

Whereas it is absolutely necessary for the good of His Majesty's Service, that a sufficient Number of Ship Wrights Artificers, and Labourers should be employed in His Majesty's Yard at Pigeon Island, to expedite the fitting of such of His Majesty's Ships as are in want of repair.

You are hereby required and directed, to enter such Shipwrights, Artificers, and Labourers, as may be wanted for the above purpose, paying them such Wages as is

customary in this Island, and according to the usual Custom of allowance to the Artificers of His Majesty's Yard at Antigua.

Given &ca. &ca. &ca. 1st March 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Mr Thomas Turquand
Naval Storekeeper
St Lucia

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. K B
Admiral of the White and Commander
in Chief &c: &c: &c:

Whereas the great increase of the Squadron under my Command in this unhealthy Climate, renders it necessary that the Sick be duly attended on Shore as well as on board of their Ships.

You are hereby requir'd and directed to take upon you the superintendance of the Sick in the Hospitals belonging to his Majesty's Navy within the Limits of my Command, to regulate them, & prescribe, in the manner you shall judge most conducive to the health of the Men, & to represent to me such measures as may tend to forward this Branch of Service.

And in consideration of this Service you are hereby allowed at the rate of Twenty Shillings Sterl^g per diem, for which you are to apply to His Majestys Commissioners of Sick and wounded Seamen.

Given under my hand on board His Maj^s
Ship Formidable in Gros Islet Bay
St: Lucia 1st March 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Doct^r Gilbert Blane F. R. S
Member of the Colledge of Physicians of London,
& Physician to the Fleet in the West Indies,
hereby appointed to superintend the Naval Hospitals
there

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &c. &c. &c.

You are hereby required and directed to supply His Majesty's Ship Resolution, with a Long Boat, or Launch, with their Tackle and Furniture, which you can best spare, directing your Boatswain and Carpenter to take proper receipts for the same.

Given &c. &c. &c. in Gross Islet Bay
St Lucia 2d Mar. 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captain Saxton
Invincible

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &c. &c. &c.

Whereas Captn Barbor of His Majesty's Ship Fame having represented to me by Letter of this days date that there is a Quantity of Bread in the said Ship damaged and Unfit for Men to eat and requesting a Survey on the same,

You are hereby required and directed to repair on board the said Ship, and to take a strict and careful Survey on the Bread above mentioned reporting to me your Proceedings thereon

Given &c. &c. &c. 2d March 1782

G. B. Rodney

To The Masters of the Prince George
Shrewsbury and
Centaur

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &c. &c. &c.

You are hereby required and directed to Order the Purser of His Majesty's Ship under your Command, to Supply the Purser of the Montagu with fourteen Days Bread at whole Allowance for 600 Men, and the Purser of the America with twenty Eight Days Bread at whole

Allowance for 500 Men, taking proper Receipts for the same.

Given &c. &c. 2d March 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Capt. Penny
of H. M. Ship Marlborough

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &c. &c. &c.

You are hereby required and directed to Order the Purser of His Majesty's Ship under your Command, to Supply the Purser of the Centaur with fourteen Days Bread at whole Allowance for 650 Men, and the Purser of the Torbay, with twenty one Days Bread at whole allowance for 600 Men, taking proper Receipts for the same.

Given &c. &c. &c. 2d March 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captain Truscott
Nonsuch

A Similar Order given to Captn Balfour of His Majesty's Ship Conqueror to supply ye Purser of His Majesty's Ship Princessa, with twenty eight days Bread, at whole Allowance for 600 Men, and the Purser of the Prince William with ten Days Bread for 500 Men. 2d March 1782.

A Similar Order given to Captn Symons of His Majesty's Ship Formidable to Order his Purser to supply the Purser of His Majesty's Ship Barfleur with fourteen Days Bread, at whole Allowance for 800 Men, and the Purser of the Alfred with fourteen Days Bread for 600 Men. 2d March 1782.

A Similar Order given to Captn Cornish of His Majesty's Ship Arrogant to Order his Purser to supply the Purser of His Majesty's Ship Montagu, with fourteen Days Bread at whole Allowance for 600 Men, and the Purser of the Alcide with twenty eight Days Bread for 600 Men. 2d March 1782

A Similar Order given to Captn Buckner of His Majesty's Ship Prothée to Order his Purser to supply the Purser of His Majesty's Ship St Albans, with twenty one Days Bread at whole Allowance, for 500 Men, and the Purser of the Prince George with fourteen Days Bread for 750 Men. 2d March 1782.

A Similar Order given to Captn Fanshawe of His Majesty's Ship Namur to Order his Purser to supply the Purser of His Majesty's Ship Prince George, with fourteen Days Bread at whole allowance for 750 Men and the Purser of the Canada, with twenty eight Days Bread for 600 Men. 2d March 1782.

A Similar Order given to Captn Barbor of His Majesty's Ship Fame, to Order his Purser to supply the Purser of His Majesty's Ship Invincible, with twenty eight days Bread at whole allowance for 600 Men and the Purser of the Belliqueux, with fourteen Days Bread for 500 Men. 2d March 1782.

A Similar Order given to Captn Savage of His Majesty's Ship Hercules, to Order his Purser to supply the Purser

of His Majesty's Ship Resolution, with twenty eight days Bread, at whole Allowance for 600 Men, and the Purser of the Intrepid, with fourteen Days Bread for 500 Men. 2d March 1782.

A Similar Order given to Captn Parrey of His Majesty's Ship Yarmouth, to Order his Purser to supply the Purser of His Majesty's Ship Monarch, with twenty eight days Bread, at whole allowance for 600 Men. 2d Mar.

A Similar Order given to Captn Blair of his Majesty's Ship Anson, to Order his Purser to supply the Purser of His Majesty's Ship Shrewsbury, with twenty one days Bread, at whole Allowance for 600 Men. 2d Mar.

A Similar Order given to Captn Dumaresq of His Majesty's Ship Repulse, to Order his Purser to supply the Purser of His Majesty's Ship Ajax, with twenty one days Bread at whole Allowance for 550 Men. 2d March 1782.

A Similar Order for a Survey on the Best Bower Cable and stream Hawser on board His Majesty's Ship Prince George address'd to the Masters of His Majesty's Ships Bedford, Alfred, St: Albans Prothée or any three of them. 2d March 1782.

A Similar Order for a Survey on the Foretopmast Shrouds and Backstay's and most of the Running Rig-

ging of His Majesty's Ship Resolution addressed to the Masters of His Majesty's Ships Namur, Canada, Shrewsbury Fame and Repulse or any three of them. 2d March 1782

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &c. &c. &c.

The Right Honble Lord Robt. Manners, having represented to me by Letter of this days date, that the Fore topmast Shrouds, and Backstays, and most of the Running Rigging, is Unfit for its proper Use, of His Majesty's Ship Resolution, under His Command; requesting I wou'd Order a Survey thereon,

You are hereby required and directed to repair on board the said Ship, and take a strict and careful Survey on the Shrouds, Backstays, & Rigging complained off: Reporting to me from under your Hands your Proceedings therein.

Given &c. &c. &c. 3d March 1782
G. B. Rodney

To The Masters of His Majesty's Ships Namur
Canada
Shrewsbury
Fame and
Repulse or any
three of them

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &c. &c. &c.

Captain Williams, having represented to me by Letter of this days date, that part of the Best Bower Cable, and Stream Hawser, of His Majesty's Ship Prince George, under his Command, was cutt away at St Christophers, and requesting I wou'd Order a Survey thereon,

You are hereby required and directed, to repair on board the said Ship, and take a strict and careful Survey

on the Cable and Hawser, complained of Reporting to me from under your Hands your Proceedings therein.

Given &c. &c. &c. 3 March 1782

G. B. Rodney

To The Masters of His Majesty's Ships Bedford
Alfred
St Albans
Prothée or any
three of them

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &c. &c. &c.

You are hereby required and directed to repair immediately in His Majesty's Ship under your Command, and cruize between Pigeon Island and the Diamond Rock, keeping as good a Look out as possible in Order to Watch the Motions of the Enemy, shewing Yourself every Morning within sight of Pigeon Island.

Given &c. &c. &c. 3d March 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captain McLawrin
Triton

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &c. &c. &c.

The Honble Wm. Cornwallis, having represented to me by a Letter of this days date, that there is, on board His Majesty's Ship Canada, under his Command, a Quantity of Bread, Mouldy, Musty and full of Weevils, likewise a Quantity of Beef, and Pork, Rotten and stinking, all of which is unfit for Men to Eat, requesting I wou'd order a Survey thereon,

You are hereby required and directed, to repair on board the said ship, and take a Strict and Careful Survey, on the Bread, Beef & Pork complained of, and if you find it as represented, to cause the same to be thrown

overboard, into the Sea, reporting to me your proceedings therein.

Given &c. &c. &c. 3d March 1782

G. B. Rodney

To The Masters of His Majesty's Ships Hercules
America
Invincible and
Repulse or any
three of them

A Similar Order for a Survey on Butter and Cheese on board His Majesty's Ship Repulse, addressed to the Masters of His Majesty's Ships, Formidable Alfred Centaur and Ajax or any three of them. 3d March 1782

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &c. &c. &c.

Brig^{r} Genl Skene Commanding Officer of the 69th Regiment, having requested, that Lieut Smith, of the said Regiment, at present doing Duty on board His Majesty's Ship under your Command, may be ordered into the Shrewsbury, to take Care of the Company, doing Duty in that Ship, in the Room of Lieut. Martin, going Sick to Barbadoes.

You are Hereby required and directed to discharge the said Lieut. Smith into the Shrewsbury, accordingly.

Given &c. &c. &c. 3d March 1782.

G. B. Rodney

To Captain Thompson
Alcide

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &c. &c. &c.

Brig^{r} Genl Skene having represented that Lieut. Martin of the 69th Regiment doing Duty on Board His

Majesty's Ship under your Command may have leave to go to Barbadoes for the Recovery of his Health and that Lieut Smith of the same Regiment may be ordered into your Ship in his Place to take care of the Company there

You are hereby required and directed to permit the said Lieut. Martin to go to Barbadoes for the recovering of health & receive the above Nam'd Lieut. Smith in his room accordingly.

Given &c. &c. &c. 3d March 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captain West
Shrewsbury

Formidable in Gross Islet Bay St Lucia
3d March 1782

Memo.

It is the Admirals direction that you receive from time to time all Recovered Men from the Hospital on Pigeon Island; particularizing on the Back of your Weekly Account the Ships to which they belong; that they may be delivered to the respective Ships on their Arrival in this Bay

To The Right Honble Lord Cranstoun
of His Majesty's Ship St Eustatius

By Sir Geo B: Rodney Bart: K B &c. &c. &c.

Captain Charrington having represented to me by Letter of this days date that the following, Sails, Cables, Rigging &c on board His Majesty's Ship Ajax under his Command are decayed Worn out and Unserviceable Viz^t

Fore Course, One
" Studding Sail, One
Main " " One
" top gallant, One
Spritsail Topsail, One
Cable of 22 Inch, 64 fathoms

Main Geers, Two
Fore " Two
Luff Tackle falls, Five
Main topmast Stays^{l} Sheets, Two
Main Braces, Two
Fore " Two
Driver Halyards, One Pair
Fore Topm^{t} Stay^{l} Downhallers, One
Main Topm^{t} Staysail Tacks, Two
Middle Stays^{l} Stay Downhallers, Two
Mizen Topm^{t} Stays^{l} Sheets, Two
Main top gall^{t} Stays^{l} Sheets, Two
Fore topsail Sheets, Two
Slings of the Main Yard
Fore topm^{t} Stays^{l} Hallyards, One
Main Tops^{l} Stud^{s} Sail Tacks, Two
Fore top gall^{t} " " Two
Main Topg^{t} Stud^{s} Sail Hally^{ds} Two pr.
Fore top gallant " " Two
Fore top gall^{t} Hallyards, One pr.
Main Topm^{t} Stud^{s} Sail Hally^{ds} Two
Spritsail Braces, Two
Mizen Topsail Sheets, Two
Jibb Haulyards, One
Main top gall^{t} Lifts, Two
Ratlins Half a Set
Tiller Rope, Three
Union Jack, One

requesting a Survey thereon.

You are hereby required and directed to repair on board the said Ship, and take a Strict and Careful Survey on the Sails, Cables, Rigging &c complained of, Reporting to me from under your Hands your Proceedings therein; taking care not to Condemn any thing that is not strictly condemnable, or that can be converted to other Uses, as You will answer the Contrary at your Peril.

Given &c &c &c 3d March 1782

G. B. Rodney

To The Masters of His Majesty's Ships [blank]

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &c &c &c

Captain Thompson, Commander of His Majesty's Ship America, having by Letter of this date, informed me that

the Purser of the said Ship, had an Account to pass of two Years standing requesting a Survey may be held on his remains, for that purpose.

You are hereby required and directed immediately to proceed on board the America and there take a strict and careful Survey on the same reporting to me your proceedings therein.

Given &c &c &c 3d March 1782

G. B. Rodney

To The Pursers of His Majesty's Ships Centaur
Intrepid
Shrewsbury and
Ajax or any three
of them

The Full Title

Captain Barbor of His Majesty's Ship Fame, having by Letter of this day, desired me to give Orders for a Court Martial being assembled to try the Six Men named in the Margin [1] for Mutinously assembling Beating and otherwise ill treating Evan Pollard Boatswains Mate (their Officer) when in the execution of his Duty on the Second day of March 1782, which Letter is herewith inclosed.

You are hereby required and directed to assemble a Court Martial and try the said Six Men Viz^t William Heath, Wm Jenkins, Jas. Morewood, John Mason, Geo: Tillick & Thos. Ecclestone upon the Charge exhibited against them, reporting to me the Sentence and Proceedings of the Court accordingly.

Given &c &c &c 3d March 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Sir Saml Hood Bart. &c &c &c

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[1] Wm. Heath, Wm Jenkins, Jas. Morewood, John Mason, Geo. Tillick, Thos. Ecclestone

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &c. &c. &c.

You are hereby required and directed to discharge the whole Party of Marines (Lieut. excepted) now doing Duty on board His Majesty's Ship under your Command into the Formidable, and to receive from thence a Party that will be discharged into you in Lieu.

Given &c. &c. &c. 4th March 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captain Harvey
Convert

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &c. &c. &c.

You are hereby required and directed to receive on board His Majesty's Ship under your Command, Lieut. Thos. Affleck as fourth Lieutenant, in which Capacity he is ordered by the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, to join her, as his proper Ship.

Given &c. &c. &c. 4th March 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captain Wilkinson
Prince William

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart &c. &c. &c.

Whereas I judge it necessary for the better carrying on the Duty on board His Majesty's Ship Prothée that a person shou'd be appointed to act as a Supernumerary Lieutenant,

You are hereby required and directed to act as a Supernumerary Lieutenant on board her accordingly till further Orders and the Officers and Ships Company inferior to you are hereby required and directed to obey

you as their said Acting Lieutenant accordingly, as they will answer the Contrary at their Peril.

Given &c. &c. &c. 4th March 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Mr Robertson
Hereby appointed to Act Lieutenant
in the Prothée 'till further Orders.

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &c. &c. &c.

Whereas I judge it necessary for the better carrying on the Duty on board His Majesty's Ship Intrepid, that a person shou'd be appointed to act as a Supernumerary Lieutenant

You are hereby required and directed to act as a Supernumerary Lieutenant on board her accordingly 'till further Orders, and the Officers and Ships Company inferior to you are hereby required and directed to obey you as their said Acting Lieutenant accordingly as they will answer the Contrary at their Peril.

Given &c. &c. &c. 4th March 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Mr Jemmet Manwarning
Hereby appointed to Act as Lieutenant, in the Intrepid 'till further Orders

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By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &c. &c. &c.

You are hereby required and directed to proceed without Loss of time with His Majesty's Ship under your Command to English Harbour Antigua where you are to put your Ship under the Command of Mr Laforey whom I have ordered to wear a distinguishing Pendant and take the command of His Majesty's Ships stationed at Antigua

You are yourself with your Officers and Ships Company to be aiding and assisting in the Defence of His Majesty's Island of Antigua, shou'd it be attacked by the public Enemy, and to defend it to the utmost extremity

You are to carry to English Harbour with you, such Men as may be put on board you belonging to the Robust and Janus, not only the sooner to compleat those Ships, but Likewise to add to the defence of the said Island, and you are to remain on that Station 'till further orders.

Given &c. &c. &c. 4 March 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captain Harvey
Convert

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &c. &c. &c.

Whereas it is of the utmost Importance to His Majesty's Service, that his Island of Antigua shou'd be defended to the utmost extremity, and as I shall always be ready to give every assistance in my Power towards it's protection

You are hereby required and directed to co-opperate with His Majesty's Governor and the Commanding Officer of His Troops in the said Island, and give every assistance with the officers and Ships Companies in defending the said Island, to the utmost extremity, stationing the said Officers and Men, in such Manner, as may be thought most adviseable, for the defence of the said Island, by the said Governor yourself and the Commander of His Majesty's Troops.

You are to use your best endeavours to purchase or hire, (agreeable to orders given me by the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty) Six fast sailing Vessels, the better to enable me, to keep up the Correspondence between America, Jamaica and these His Majesty's Islands and you are constantly to send me every Intelligence that you may think necessary for me to be ac-

quainted with that not a Moments Time may be lost in my bringing or sending additional Succours for the Defence of the said Island.

Shou'd the Island be attacked by the Enemy you are not upon any account whatsoever to suffer His Majesty's Ships in English Harbor to fall into their hands, but with yourself, Officers and Ships Company, Co-opperate with His Majesty's Governor, and the Commander of the Troops in defending it to the utmost Extremity for which this shall be your Order

Given &c. &c. &c. 4 March 1782

G. B. Rodney

To John Laforey Esqr &c. &c. &c.

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &c. &c. &c.

You are hereby required and directed to put yourself under my Command, and follow all such Orders and Directions, as you shall from time to time, receive from me, for His Majesty's Service, joining me, without a Moments loss to time, at Gross Islet Bay, St Lucia.

Given &c. &c. &c. 5th March 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Sir James Wallace
Captain of His Majesty's Ship Warrior

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &c. &c. &c.

You are hereby required and directed to supply Mr Bignell His Majesty's builder at Pigeon Island with three pair of Forge Bellows, taking proper Receipts for the same

Given &. &c. &c. 5th March 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Mr Smith
Master of the Palliser Store-Ship

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &c. &c. &c.

You are hereby required and directed, immediately on your arrival at Barbadoes, to compleat your Water & Provisions, with all possible dispatch, and join me at Gross-Islet Bay, St Lucia, without one Moments loss of Time.

Given &c. &c. &c. 5 March 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captain Gardiner
of His Majesty's Ship Duke

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &c. &c. &c.

You are hereby required and directed to proceed with His Majesty's Ship under your Command, to Carlisle Bay, Barbadoes and deliver my Dispatches to the Governor, after which you are to take the Germaine Sloop, under your Command, and as many Vessels, as may be laying there, loaden with provisions, for the fleet, and trading Vessels, under your Convoy, and Return without loss of time, to St Lucia, bringing with you fifty American Prisoners, in the Triton, & thirty in the Germaine, taking particular care that they are properly secured, having deliver'd to me (or in Case I shou'd not be here, to the Commanding Officer of His Majesty's Ship) such dispatches, as you may be charged with, from the Governor of Barbadoes, you are to proceed to the Carenage, and deliver your prisoners, to the prison Ship.

Given &c. &c. &c. 5 March 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captain McLaurin
Of His Majesty's Ship Triton

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &c. &c. &c.

Several of His Majesty's Sloops of War and small Vessels having fallen into the Enemy's Hands by the Capture of Demarara whereby Vessels of that kind are

much wanted for His Majesty's Service and you have represented to me that there is a Schooner now to be purchased at Barbadoes called the Endeavour at the sum of six hundred Pounds Sterling which will answer for that purpose

You are hereby required and directed to purchase the said Vessels on the best Terms you can for His Majesty's Service not exceeding the said sum of Six hundred Pounds Sterling accordingly

Given &c. &c. &c. 5 March 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Mr Raggett
Storekeeper at Barbadoes

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &c. &c. &c.

Whereas it has been represented to me by the Report of a Survey held on board His Majesty's Ship under your Command that there is Fourteen Hundred and fifteen Pounds of Bread, Rotten, Stinking & unfit for Men to Eat occasioned by its being Wet, with Salt Water: and that the same appears to be a Nuisance in the Ship,

You are therefore, hereby required and directed to cause the said Bread to be thrown overboard, into the Sea, And for so doing, this shall be your Order.

Given &c. &c. &c. 5 March 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captain Barbor
Fame

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &c. &c. &c.

Whereas I judge it necessary, for the better carrying on the Duty on board His Majesty's Ship Arrogant, that a person shou'd be appointed to Act as Supernumerary Lieutenant.

You are hereby required and directed to act as Supernumerary Lieutenant on board her accordingly 'till further Orders and the Officers and Ships Company inferior

to you are hereby required and directed, to obey you, as their said Acting Lieutenant, accordingly, as they will answer the Contrary at their Peril.

Given &c. &c. &c. 5 March 1782

G. B. Rodney

To The Honble Hugh Lindsay
hereby appointed to act as Lieutenant
in the Arrogant 'till further Orders

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. K. B.
Vice-Admiral of Great Britain,
Admiral of the White and Commander
in Chief of His Majesty's Ships in
the West Indies

You are hereby required and directed, to receive on board His Majesty's Sloop, under your Command, as soon as possible, from Lieutenant Lewis, Commander of the Prison Ship at this Island, all the French Prisoners he may have in Charge and to proceed with and deliver them to His Excellency the Count de Grasse at Martinico, and having received, in Exchange, such Prisoners as His Excellency may have in his possession, and shall please to order to be delivered to you, You are to return to this Bay.

You are on no Account whatsoever to commit any Hostility from the time of your departure with the said Prisoners, 'till you rejoin me, or return to this Bay, with such English Prisoners as you may receive in Exchange, but to consider yourself in all respects a flag of Truce.

Given &c. &c. &c. 5 March 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captain Vashon
Alert

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &c. &c. &c.

Captain Fanshawe of His Majesty's Ship Namur, having represented to me, that a Jib Boom of the said Ship

is so badly sprung, as to be apprehended to be unfit for its proper Use, desiring a Survey thereon, and further that the fillings between the Cheeks have been wash'd away at Sea which defect it is necessary to repair but that there is not Wood on board of sufficient Dimensions for that purpose without Conversion

You are hereby required and directed to repair on board the said Ship & take a strict and careful Survey on the Jib Boom so complained of, which if found as represented, and You judge the same will answer the end above mentioned and no detriment will accrue to His Majesty's Service by such Conversion, You are to cause it to be converted to the Purpose abovementioned; reporting to me your Proceedings therein.

Given &c. &c. &c. 5th March 1782

G: B: Rodney

To The Carpenters of His Majesty's Ships

A Similar Order for a Survey on Gunners [stores] on board His Majesty's Ship [St.] Albans addressed to the Gunners of His Majesty's Ships, Intrepid, Ajax, Prothée, and Prince George or any three of them.
5th March 1782

A Similar Order for a Survey on Gunners Stores on board His Majesty's Ship Centaur addressed to the Gunners of His Majesty's Ships Repulse, Canada, Fame and Hercules or any three of them.
5th March 1782

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &c. &c. &c.

Captain Inglis having represented to me by Letter of yesterday's date, that the following Sails, Cables, Rigging &c. on board His Majesty's Ship St Albans under his Command are unfit for their proper Use, (Viz^{t})

Flying Jib, One
Fore Topsail, One
Fore Topgallant sail, One
Main Course, One
Main Topsail, One
Main Topgallant sail, One
Mizen Topsail, One
Fore Topsail, One
Main staysail, One
Main top staysail, One
Fore Studding sail, One
Fore top gall^{t} " One
Main Top gall^{t} " One
Boats Sail, Five
Windsails, Two
Boats Covers, Three
Hammocs Covers, Four
Ensign of 28 Breadths, One
Hammocs, Eighty
Cables 21 Inches, Two
Messenger of 13 Inches, One
Cablets of 7½ Inches, Two
Main stay tackle fall
Jibb Stay
Jibb Pendants
Butt Slings, Four Pair
Wheel Ropes
A Quantity of Running Rigging over head

requesting a Survey thereon.

You are hereby required and directed to repair on board the said Ship and take a Strict and Careful Survey of the Sails, Cables, Rigging &c complained of, reporting to me from under your Hands your Proceedings therein

You are to be particularly Careful on taking this Survey, not to condemn any thing that is not strictly condemnable or that can be converted to other Uses (which You are to point out) than they at present answer, As you will answer the contrary at your Peril.

Given &c. &c. &c. 5th March 1782

To The Masters of His Majesty's Ships Formidable
Duke
Intrepid
Prince George and
Anson or any
three of them

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &c. &c. &c.

You are hereby required and directed without a Moments Loss of Time, to get His Majesty's Ship under your Command, ready for Sea, and immediately (taking the Convert under your Command) to proceed to Freeman's Bay, Antigua, from whence you are to return to me in this Bay, bringing along with you, His Majesty's Frigate the Nymph (if ready) and the Store Ship, now at English Harbour. You are to receive on board such Stores, as you may stand in need of, to use all the Dispatch possible, rejoining me, as the Said Store Ship is much wanted for the use of the Fleet under my Command, keeping an exceeding good look out for a French Ship of War, said to be cruizing to Windward of Antigua.

Given &c. &c. &c. 6th March 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captain Buckner
Prothée

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart &c &c &c

You are hereby required and directed to discharge from His Majesty's Ship, under your Command, into His Majesty's Ship Formidable, all the Negroes you received from the Island of St Eustatius, sending with them regular pay Lists, and a Certificate specifying the same was done by my Order.

Given &c &c &c 6th March 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captain Saxton
Invincible

[Marginal note in Admiral Rodney's handwriting:] N B. This Capt. wanted to sell the Negroes

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By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &c &c &c

You are hereby required and directed to put yourself under the Command of Captain Saxton of His Maj-

esty's Ship Invincible and follow his Orders for your further proceedings.

Given &c &c &c 7th March 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captain Meyrick
Of His Majesty's Sloop Martin

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &c &c &c

You are hereby required and directed to proceed with His Majesty's Ship, under your Command, and the Martin Sloop, with the Trade bound to Jamaica. On your arrival off that Island, you are to send the Martin Sloop, with such part of the Trade as may be bound to the North Side, and proceed yourself with the remainder thereof to Port Royal, with my Dispatches for the Commander in Chief.

You are to put yourself under his Command, and follow his Orders, for your further proceedings.

Given &c &c &c 7th March 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captain Saxton
Invincible

[Marginal note in Admiral Rodney's handwriting:] This Ship was leaky and the Capt. was allways writing to me thereon. N B he was not in the Battle, and tho I pressed Sir P Parker that she might be immediately hove down and be ready to joyn me on my approach to Jamaica, it was grosly neglected

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By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &c &c &c

You are hereby required and directed to take the Ships named in the Margin,[1] under your Command, and pro-

[1] Warrior, Barfleur, Duke, Royal Oak, Arrogant, Hercules, Resolution, Shrewsbury, Anson, Belliqueux, Montagu, Prince William, Yarmouth, Champion, Flora, Santa Monica.

ceed with them off Fort Royal Bay Martinique, where you are to reconnoitre the Fleet of the Enemy, and make such Observations, as you shall judge necessary (and shall be in your power with safety to do) of their Number and Situation, and having so done you are to return to this Bay, leaving Two Line of Battle Ships and a Frigate to Watch the Motions of the Enemy, with Orders to come within distance of observing Signals from Pigeon Island every day, From whence (if necessary) a Signal will be made to recall them in otherwise to return to their Station continuing daily to make their appearance as directed.

Given &c &c &c 7th March 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Rear Adm[l] S[r] Sam[l] Hood &c &c &c

Full Title

The Bearer hereof, Thomas Kirwan, of the Sloop Hazard, navigated by [blank] Men, and Inhabitant of the Island of St Thomas, having engaged to supply His Majesty's Army, and Navy, at and about this Island with fresh Provisions and Live Stock, and has given Security to the Commanding Officer at this Island for the due Performance thereof, he is Hereby permitted to proceed from St Lucia to the Island of Margaritta or the Spanish Main, and to return hither again with such Cattle and Stock as he may be able to procure, without Hindrance or Molestation, provided he takes with him no Provisions or Merchandize on board other than what shall be Specify'd, under the Signature of Brigadier Gen[l] St Leger, Commander of His Majesty's Forces, at St Lucia, and all Captains and Commanders of His Majesty's Ships or Vessels and Masters of Privateers are

hereby directed to pay due Regard to this pasport, as they will answer the contrary at your Peril

Given &c &c &c 8th March 1782

G. B. Rodney

To all Captains or Commanders of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels or Master of Privateers

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By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &c &c &c

Whereas you have represented to me, that you were under the necessity of leaving the 17 Men named in the Margin [1] on shore on Duty at Jamaica, when His Majesty's Ship under your Command was ordered suddenly to sail from thence, for the protection of the third Division of the Convoy for Great Britain in August last which Men were afterwards put on board the princess Royal and went in her to England.

You are hereby required and directed to discharge the above Men from His Majesty's Ship under your Command and to compleat her Complement accordingly.

Given &c &c &c 8th March 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captain Wilkinson
Prince William

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &c &c &c

You are hereby required and directed to put yourself under the Command of Rear Admiral Sir Samuel Hood Bart: and follow his Orders for your further proceedings.

Given &c &c &c 9th March 1782

G. B. Rodney

This Order given to the Commanders of the Ships above named in the Margin of the above Order [of March 7,

[1] Robt Millar (1), Jno Stevenson, Wm Langford, Mr Antv Hill Haggard, Hugh McDouell, Robt Thompson, Rd Fowler, Hugh Coulter, Jno Stampur, Jas. Call, Wm Smith (1), Jno Leaky, Chas. Arthur, Jas. Grew, Bartw Bowles.

1782, viz:] Warrior, Barfleur, Duke, Royal Oak, Arrogant, Hercules, Resolution, Shrewsbury, Anson, Belliqueux, Montagu, Prince William, Yarmouth, Champion, Flora, Santa Monica.

[Written in the margin:] Nonsuch

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &c &c &c

Whereas I have receiv'd Intelligence that a Number of the Enemy's Privateers, both French and Americans, have Sailed from Martinique, with an intention of Cruizing to Windward of Barbadoes, in order to intercept the Trade hourly expected from Great Britain.

You are hereby required and directed to proceed with the Frigates, named in the Margin,[1] and Cruize from thirty to sixty Leagues to Windward of Barbadoes, for the better Protection of the Trade bound for that Island, and the destruction of the Enemy's Privateers.

You are at times to stretch as far to the Northward as the Lattitude of Martinique, and in case of meeting with any Fleets or Convoy's of the Enemy's you are with every Dispatch possible, make me acquainted therewith.

You will find me either to Windward of Point Salines Martinique or in this Bay.

You are to continue on this Service 'till the Arrival of the Trade from Great Britain, and in Case of your being obliged to put into Carlisle Bay, Barbadoes, your stay there is to be as short as possible.

In case of your meeting with anything you think it necessary for me to be acquainted with, You are to detach one of your Frigates with it accordingly.

Given &c &c &c 9th March 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captain Christian
Of His Majesty's Ship Fortunée

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[1] Pegasus, Sybil

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &c &c &c

You are hereby required and directed to put yourself under the Command of Captain Christian of His Majesty's Ship Fortunée and follow his Orders for your further proceedings.

Given &c &c &c 9th March 1782

G. B. Rodney

Captain Stanhope, Pegasus
" Rodney, Sybil

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &c &c &c

You are hereby required and directed to take under your Command the Ships named in the Margin,[1] which are Stationed off Barbadoes, and use your utmost endeavours to destroy the Enemy's Privateers, Cruizing to Windward of that Island, as well as to protect the Trade, of His Majesty's Subjects and to continue on this Service 'till you receive further Orders.

Given &c &c &c 9th March 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captain Shirley
Of His Majesty's Ship Leander

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &c &c &c

Captain Christain [*sic*] of His Majesty's Ship Fortunée having represented to me by Letter of this day's date, that Lieutenant Andrew Waide of the said Ship is from Illness and long Serving in this Country, incapable of performing any Duty, and signifying both his and the said Lieutenants desire that a Survey be held on him,

You are hereby required and directed immediately to take a Strict and Careful Survey on the Condition of the

[1] La Fortunée, Pegasus, Sybil

health of the said Lieutenant Andrew Waide, and to Report to me under your Hands accordingly.

Given &c &c &c 9th March 1782

G. B. Rodney

To The Physician of the Fleet, and the Surgeons of His Majesty's Ships Formidable and Hercules

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By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart &c &c &c

You are hereby required and directed to discharge such prisoners as may be on board His Majesty's Ship under your Command, who were confined by order of Rear Adm[l] Sir S. Hood into the Salamander Fireship for their security.

Given &c &c &c 9 March 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captain Stanhope
Pegasus

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &c &c &c

You are hereby required and directed to receive on board His Majesty's Fireship, under your Command, such prisoners as may be sent from the Pegasus, and who where Confined by Rear Adm[l] Sir Saml Hood, taking particular care that they are kept in proper Security.

Given &c &c &c 9th March 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captain Lucas
Of His Majesty's Fireship Salamander

An Order to Lieutenant Polkinghorne to Act as Lieutenant of the Fortunée 'till further Orders. 9th March 1782

Alexander Roderick, Seaman belonging to the Shrewsbury went with another Seaman to the House of a Black Man called John Low, wanted to buy Rum; Low refused them Rum, on which Roderick reply'd he shou'd lose more than ten times the Value of Rum, and yesterday Noon, Roderick went and set fire to the House of Doctor Mazaret, but at that time the Flames were extinguished by the Inhabitants. Roderick is gone off to his Ship. Mr Thomas Smith Midshipman of the Shrewsbury has directions to acquaint his Captain of the Behaviour.

Two Houses burnt by Acklin

Simon Acklin Quarter Master of the Hercules was seen last night by John Low, between the Hours of nine and ten, when Acklin came to his House, and asked him to sell Liquor, on saying he had not any Liquor he told Low that he was a Liar, and if he did not, he the said Acklin wou'd pull his House down on him, or set it in flames; and soon after John Low saw Acklin set fire to his house. After the House was on fire Acklin asked Low, if he shou'd help him out with his Trunks. Mr Wm Griffin Midshipman has charge of him and carry'd him on board.

Sam[l] Tinsley, Marine, belonging to the Hercules—a French Woman called Madam Harrey says that Tinsley came with another Man to the House of John Low, wanted Liquor, on being refused they threatened and said he shou'd rue it, that they wou'd pull his house down or fire it, this passed between 9 and 10 last night. this Marine is in charge of Mr Griffin and carried on board.

John Briton a Marine belonging to the Hercules and this Morn[g] carried on board, was very drunk between 9 and 10 last night and took a Hat and Handkerchief from a Man that was soon after burnt. Lieut. Secomb of the Russel was present and did all he cou'd to save the lives of 2 Men that were in the Flames, one of which was got out and sent to the Nonsuch, the other was

burnt. 16 Houses burnt down, in one house were 3 Seamen and Marines.

This report was made by me, to Rear Admiral Drake, this 9th day of March 1782

JOHN LEWIS GIDOIN
Captain of the Day, to inspect the Duty of Watering the Ships at Choque Bay, and to report all irregularities
(A Copy)

Cancelled

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &c &c &c

Whereas Lieutenant John Hay belonging to His Majesty's Sloop Pacahunta, but late serving as Volunteer on board His Majesty's Ship Barfleur, had during the time he was employ'd on Public Service, the Misfortune to fall into the Enemy's Hands, but was released by the Count De Grasse with Permission to Serve, and it has been represented to me, some other Person has been either Commissioned or ordered to act as Lieutenant on board the said Sloop,

You are notwithstanding Hereby required and directed to receive the said Lieutenant John Hay as Lieutenant of her, agreeable to the Commission granted by me to him on the 14th September 1780, on the said Sloop being first Commissioned.

Cancelled

Given &c &c &c 10th March 1782

G. B. RODNEY

To The Captain or Commanding Officer
of His Majesty's Sloop Pacahunta

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &c &c &c

Whereas it has been represented to me that His Majesty's Ship Intrepid is in so bad a Condition as to render it unsafe for her to remain longer in this Country,

You are hereby required and directed to repair on board her and take a very careful Survey on her particularly specifying the nature of her Defects and to report to me under your hands your Opinions on her State and Condition, in doing which you are to proceed with such circumspection and Caution as to be able if called on, to make oath to the impartiality of your proceedings.

Given &c &c &c 10th March 1782

G. B. Rodney

To The Master Builder at St Lucia, and
the Carpenters of His Majesty's Ships Formidable and Canada

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &c &c &c
The Full Title

Whereas a dreadful Conflagration happened at Choque Bay on the Night of the 8th Instant wherein several Houses are reported to have been burnt, and some Lives lost, which there is too much reason to suppose was wilfully occasioned by Evil minded persons, belonging to His Majesty's Ships then Watering There, and Rear Admiral Drake Commanding the Squadron then at that Bay, having communicated to me the enclosed Paper, (which he receiv'd from Captain Gedoin of His Majesty's Ship Torbay, who was Captain for the day to inspect the watering duty and prevent Irregularities) by which there is very strong Presumption that the following Persons, (Viz^{t}) Alexander Roderick, Seaman, belonging to the Shrewsbury, Simon Acklin, Quarter Master, Samuel Tinsley & John Briton (Marines) belonging to the Hercules were concerned therein.

You are hereby required and directed immediately to assemble a Court Martial in order to institute an Inquiry how so dreadful a Calamity happen'd, and also to Try the said Alexander Roderick, Simon Acklin, Saml Tinsley, and John Britton, for their Behaviour, relative

thereto, reporting to me, the proceedings, and Sentence of such Court Martial on the Occasion.

Given &c &c &c 11th March 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Rear Adm[l] S[r] Sam[l] Hood Bart.
Second in Command &c &c &c

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &c &c &c

You are hereby required and directed to proceed with His Majesty's Ship under your Command, together with the Ships named in the Margin,[1] and reconnoitre the Enemy's Force laying in Fort Royal Bay Martinique: having made your observations thereon you are to return without loss of time, and join me in this Bay.

Given &c &c &c 11th March 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captain Linzee
Santa Monica

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &c &c &c

You are hereby required and directed to put yourself under the Command of Captain Linzee of His Majesty's Ship Santa Monica and follow his orders, for your further Proceedings.

Given &c. &c. &c. 11th March 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captain Blair
Anson
Captain Truscott
Nonsuch

[1] Anson, Nonsuch

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &c. &c. &c.

You are hereby required and directed to proceed immediately in His Majesty's Sloop, under your Command with my Dispatches to Commissioner Laforey, at English Harbour, taking along with you from the Prothée fifty Men belonging to the Robust, where having delivered the same, you are to follow the Orders, Mr Laforey or (in his absence) the Commanding Officer, may give you, for your further Proceedings.

Given &c &c &c 13th March 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captain Keppel
Germaine

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &c &c &c

The Honble Captn Cornwallis having represented to me by Letter of this day's date that there is on board His Majesty's Ship Canada under his Command a Quantity of Standing & Running Rigging and some Sails unfit for their proper Services, requesting I will order a Survey thereon

You are hereby required and directed to repair on board the said Ship and take a strict and careful Survey on the Rigging and Sails complained of, reporting to me your Proceedings therein.

You are to be particularly careful on taking this Survey not to Condemn any thing that is not strictly Condemnable or that can be converted to other Uses (which you are to point out) than they at present Answer: As you will answer the contrary at your Perils.

Given &c &c &c 13th March 1782

G. B. Rodney

To The Masters of His Majesty's Ships Formidable, Namur, Conqueror, Russel and Anson or any three of them.

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &c &c &c

You are Hereby required and directed to proceed immediately, in His Majesty's Sloop under your Command with my Dispatches to Commissioner Laforey at English Harbour, taking along with you from the Prothée, all the Men belonging to the Robust, where having delivered the same you are to follow the Orders of Mr Laforey (or in his absence) the Commanding Officer, may give you for your further Proceedings.

Given &c &c &c 13th March 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captain Keppel
Germaine

The Full Title

Permission is hereby granted to John McCoy in a Danish Schooner, called the Friendship, navigated by Five Men to proceed to the Island of Dominica, provided he takes no Provisions, other than what she shall have Permission to do from the Major-General St Leger, Commander in Chief, of His Majesty's Forces, at this Island, and to return hither again without molestation, Loaded with Rum, refined Sugar, and Stock for the Use of His Majesty's Army, and Navy, and the Captains and Commanders of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels and Masters of Privateers are hereby directed to pay due Regard to this pass port accordingly.

Given &c &c &c 14th March 1782

G. B. Rodney

To all Captains or Commanders of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels or Masters of Privateers

A Similar One granted to James March in the Sloop John. 14th March 1782.

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &c &c &c

Whereas I judge it necessary for His Majesty's Service that a proper Person shou'd be appointed to act as Provost Martial to the Fleet under my Command, trusting in your Ability and Fidelity for the discharge of the Office.

I do hereby constitute and appoint you Provost Martial thereto strictly charging and enjoining you to receive into your Custody all such Criminals as you shall be charged with by my Order, or the Commanding Officer for the time being, or the President of any Court Martial duly constituted, and such Criminals safely to keep, 'till discharged by Order of me, or the Commanding Officer for the time being, or 'till their Case shall be decided upon by the Sentence of a Court Martial which you are to see carry'd into Execution under the direction of the Commanding Officer, and in all respects whatsoever duly to perform the duty of Provost Martial accordingly, for which this shall be your Warrant

Given &c &c &c 15th March 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Mr John Wright
hereby appointed to act as Provost Martial

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &c &c &c

You are hereby required and directed to receive Mr Thomas Turquand, whom I have appointed Naval Storekeeper and Clerk of the Checque at this Island, on board the Whitby Storeship under your Command, giving him a proper Apartment in your Stateroom and Cabin fitting for him to Sleep transact his Business & furnishing him

with a proper Boat &c whenever he may require the same

Given &c &c &c 15th March 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Lieut. Simpson
Of His Majesty's Navy
Or the Master of the Whitby Storeship

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &c &c &c

You are hereby required and directed to order the Carpenter of His Majesty's Ship under your Command, spare Sixty two Pigs of Iron Ballast, to His Majesty's Ship Prothée, taking proper Receipts for the same.

Given &c &c &c 16th March 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captain Symons
Formidable

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &c &c &c

You are hereby required and directed receive on board His Majesty's Ship under your Command the officers named in the Margin [1] as also such Intrenching Tools as may be sent on board you, for the Island of Antigua.

Given &c &c &c 16th March 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captain Buckner
Prothée

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &c &c &c

Whereas I have received Intelligence that several American Privateers, are sailed from St Pierres with a View to take or ravage the Island of Tortola.

[1] Lieut. Burt, Lieut. Brown

You are hereby required and directed to proceed immediately with such other Frigates or Vessels as Mr Laforey may have in his Power to add to you in Order to defend the said Island.

Given &c &c &c 16th March 1782

G. B. Rodney

Captain Harvey
Convert

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart &c &c &c

You are hereby required and directed to proceed with His Majesty's Ship under your Command and Convoy the Swift Packett off Antigua, having seen her in safety, you are to repair with the Triton into Freeman's Bay, holding yourself in Momentary readiness to obey any Orders you may receive.

Given &c &c &c 16th March 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captain McLawrin
Triton

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &c &c &c
Full Title

Protection is hereby granted to the St Leger a Copper Bottomed Ship, from Liverpool of 24 Guns and 71 Men, Commanded by [blank] and belonging to Gill Sclater, Esqr of that Place that her hands shall not be impressed by any of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels, under my Command, and the Captains Commanders and Officers, thereof are hereby strictly enjoined not to impress the same, Provided the said Ship does not knowingly receive or entertain Deserters, from His Majesty's Ships, In which Case this Protection is to be Null and Void.

Given &c &c &c 16th March 1782

G. B. Rodney

To all Captains or Commanders of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels of War

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &c &c &c

Whereas it has been absolutely necessary to employ several small Vessels belonging to People at this Island, in Watering the Fleet under my Command, on the present Emergency, some of which have been considerably damaged thereby

You are Hereby required and directed to take to your Assistance two of the Carpenters of His Majesty's Ship nearest on the Spot and cause an accurate Survey to be taken of such Damages, and to see the same properly repaired, taking proper Vouchers for the Expence incur'd thereby.

Given &c &c &c 17th March 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Mr John Bignal
Master Builder

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &c &c &c

Whereas I judge it necessary for the better carrying on the Duty on board His Majesty's Ship Centaur, that a person shou'd be appointed to Act as a Supernumerary Lieutenant.

You are hereby required and directed to Act as a Supernumerary Lieutenant, on board her accordingly 'till further Orders, and the Officers and Ships Company inferior to you are hereby required and directed to obey you as their said Acting Lieutenant, accordingly as they will answer the Contrary at their Peril.

Given &c &c &c 17th March 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Mr Willm Wilton
hereby appointed to Act as Supernumerary Lieutenant in the Centaur 'till further Orders

Cancelled By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &c &c &c

You are hereby required and directed to put yourself under the Command of Commodore Affleck, and follow his Orders for your further Proceedings.

Given &c &c &c 17th March 1782

Cancelled G. B. Rodney

To Captain	Dumaresq	Repulse
"	Buckner	Prothée
"	Saumerez	Russell
"	Thompson	Alcide
"	McLaurin	Triton
"	Vashon	Alert

N. B. Commodore Afflecks Order is Entered in the Secret Order Book.

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &c &c &c

Whereas there are several Prisoners now on board different Ships in the Fleet under Orders to be try'd by a Court Martial, which cannot without Detriment to His Majesty's Service be just now held.

You are hereby required and directed to receive all such, together with the Witnesses, as shall be sent on board you, and safely to keep them till further Orders.

Given &c &c &c 17th March 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captain Molloy
Intrepid

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &c &c &c
Full Title

Permission is hereby granted to Albesto Boero in a Danish Sloop called the Two Friends, Bermudas Built, Burther 30 Tons, navigated by [blank] Men, to proceed to the Island of Tobago, provided he takes no Provisions, other than what she shall have Permission to

do from the Major General St Leger, Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Forces at this Island, and to return hither again without molestation, Loaded with Rum and Stock for the use of His Majesty's Army and Navy, and the Captains and Commanders of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels, and Masters of Privateers, are hereby directed to pay due regard to this Pass-port.

Given &c &c &c 17th March 1782

G. B. Rodney

To All Captains or Commanders of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels or Masters of Privateers

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An Order for a Survey on Gunners Stores on board His Majesty's Ship St Eustatius, addressed to the Gunners of His Majesty's Ships Intrepid, Hercules, Canada and Lizard, or any three of them. 17th March 1782

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &c &c &c

Whereas the Persons undermentioned Viz^t John Fouke & Peter Satew belonging to His Majesty's Ship Nonsuch, William Brown and John Brown belonging to the Prudent, and Thomas Fagan belonging to the Anson, were last Night apprehended in a House on Shore as Deserters from the respective Ships abovementioned on the Information of Thomas Edwards of the first named Ship; whom I have thought it necessary to admit as an Evidence on his giving information of the Place where the above and other Deserters belonging to His Majesty's Ships were secreted, as supposed with a Design to go over to the Enemy.

You are hereby required and directed, as soon as conveniently may be to assemble a Court Martial, and Try the aforementioned John Fouke: Peter Salew: William

Brown: John Brown and Thomas Fagan (or such of them whose Ships may be in this Bay, or relative to whom proper Evidence can be procured) for the Crimes alledged against them, and to report to me the Proceedings and Sentence of such Court Martial accordingly.

Given &c &c &c 17th March 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Sir Sam[1] Hood Bart.
Rear Admiral of the Blue &c &c &c

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &c &c &c

You are hereby Required and directed to remain with His Majesty's Ship under your Command, at this Island, not only for the better Protection of Pidgeon Island, but of the Island of St Lucia in general.

You are to Moor your Ship either near Pidgeon Island or in the Careenage as may seem to you most proper to answer the end intended, but you are never to leave the Vicinity of Pidgeon Island without a Ship or Frigate Moored as close as can be done with Safety, not only to assist in defending the said Island to the utmost extremity, but likewise to take care that it be well, and constantly Supplied with Provisions and Water, and that no time be lost in Supplying it with these Necessary Articles; there being Water Vessels for that purpose, which the Senior Officer Stationed in this Bay is to take under his Command, and take care that they be kept in constant repair, to answer the purpose designed.

You are to Co-opperate with General St Leger, or the Commanding Officer of His Majesty's Troops in this Island, and to aid him and Assist to the Utmost of your Power, shou'd it be attacked by the Public Enemy.

This is to be looked upon as a Standing Order to all

the Commanders of His Majesty's Ships, that may arrive in this Bay.

Given &c &c &c 18th March 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captain Molloy or the
Commanding Officer of His Majesty's Ships at St Lucia for the time being

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Formidable in Gros Islet Bay St Lucia
Mar. 18th 1782

Memorandum,

You are to allow the Flags of Truce, at present in the Careenage to return, and the Boats under the usual Restrictions to pass to the Plantations 'till further Orders, so that they have the Generals clearance

G. B. Rodney

To The Commanding Officer of His Majesty's Sloop St Vincente or the senior Officer for the time being

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By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &c &c &c

You are hereby required and directed to cause the Gunner of His Majesty's Ship under your Command, to Supply the Gunner of the Formidable, with Six Nine Pounders, with their Appurtenances, and to receive from the Formidable, two Six Pounders in lieu, you are also to supply the Garrison on Pidgeon Island, with two Twenty four and two Eighteen Pounders; taking proper Receipts for the same.

Given &c &c &c 18th March 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captain Molloy
Intrepid

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &c &c &c

You are hereby required and directed to put yourself under my Command, and instead of proceeding directly to Gros Islet Bay to join me, with all possible dispatch, from 10 to 15 Leagues to Windward of Point Salines Martinique.

Given &c &c &c 19th March 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captain Linzee
Magnificent

A Similar Order given to Captain Caldwell of His Majesty's Ship Agamemnon. 19th March 1782.

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart.

You are hereby required and directed to proceed immediately with His Majesty's Sloop under your Command to Barbadoes, and having delivered my dispatches, you are to return and join me agreeable to the enclosed Rendezvous.

Given &c &c &c 19th March 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captn Tinsley
Hornett

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &c &c &c

You are hereby required and directed to put yourself under my Command and proceed immediately to Gros Islet Bay St Lucia, where you are to apply to the Commanding Officer, for as many four Pounders as you may be in want of, & can be spared from Pidgeon Island, in lieu of the Six Pounders, that have been lately sent there,

following the directions, of the said Commanding Officer, 'till you receive further Orders from me.

Given &c &c &c 19th March 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captain Rivett
of His Majesty's Sloop Duc d'Estissac

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &c &c &c

Whereas I have found it necessary for His Majesty's Service to Purchase the two American Privateers lately taken by the Prothée the one called the Scourge, now the Barbadoes, the other the Roade, but now the Stormont, and have Commissioned the same as Sloops of War (in Order to supply the place of those captured at Demarara) on the Establishment of Eighteen Guns, and One hundred and twenty five Men, Officers included, and have given the Command of the former to Captain Willm Henry Douglas, and the latter to Captain Charles Cobb.

You are hereby required and directed, to furnish the said Sloops, with whatever Naval Stores you may have in your Possession, and they may want, towards refitting and putting them in proper Order, for immediate Service, the same being first properly demanded, for which this shall be your Order.

Given &c &c &c at Sea 19th March 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Mr Willm Raggett
Naval Store keeper
Barbadoes.

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &c &c &c

You are hereby required and directed, to remain with His Majesty's Ship, or Ships, under your Command, together with whatever Storeships, Victuallers, Trans-

ports and Trade, you may have under your Convoy at Carlisle Bay, Barbadoes, 'till further Orders, compleating your Water with all Expedition, and holding yourself in momentary Readiness, to follow such Orders, as you may receive from me.

Given &c &c &c 19th March 1782

G. B. Rodney

To The Commanding Officer of any Convoy arriving at Barbadoes

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By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &c &c &c

You are hereby required and directed, to proceed with His Majesty's Ship under your Command, to the Island of Antigua, and after delivering the Men, belonging to the Robust and Janus, and Landing the Officers and Intrenching Tools, now on board your Ship, You are to rejoin me with all dispatch possible, agreeable to the Inclosed Rendezvous.

And Whereas I have receiv'd Intelligence, that a Squadron of the Enemy's Ships, with a Large Convoy, are expected in these Seas, you are to keep a very good look out, both in going and Returning, and in case of falling in with them, or getting Intelligence, you are to make me acquainted therewith, with all possible dispatch.

On your Return to join the Fleet, you are to make your Passage between Antigua, and Guadaloupe.

Given &c &c &c at Sea 20th March 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captain Buckner
Prothée

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &c &c &c

You are hereby required and directed to proceed with His Majesty's Ship under your Command, and Cruize between Pidgeon Island St Lucia and Fort Royal Bay

Martinique, taking care always to keep far enough to Windward, so as to enable you to fetch some part of St Lucia, shou'd the Enemy persue you.

You are frequently to reconnoitre the French Fleet, laying in Fort Royal Bay, and the Instant you discover them, or any Squadron thereof, putting to Sea, to rejoin me with the utmost dispatch possible, agreeable to the enclosed Rendezvous.

You are to suffer no Neutral Vessels loaded with Provisions to go to Martinique, acquainting their Masters that the Island is Blockaded.

Given &c &c &c at Sea 20th March 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captain Ford
La Nymphe

ADDITIONAL SIGNALS

For the Commander in the Second Post, to keep a head with his Division, Day or Night, at the distance of one League

A Flag quartered Blue and White, at the Fore-top-gallant-mast-head, and one Gun.

For the Commander in the Third Post, to do the same.

A Flag quartered Blue and White, at the Mizen-top-mast-head, and one Gun.

If to keep Two Leagues ahead a Red Pendant, under, If three Leagues, a White Pendant; and if at Four Leagues, ahead a Blue Pendant, under the said Flag.

N. B. After Tacking in the Night, such Division is to keep astern, and on my Weather quarter, withall. In case of Retacking again to lead the Fleet at the prescribed dist^ce

Dated at Sea 20th March 1782

G. B. Rodney

Delivered to all the Captains in the Fleet

SIGNALS,

In Addition to the Sailing Instructions

When the Admiral wou'd have any Division of the Fleet Chace to Windward, he will hoist the Flag of him, who Commands such Division, at its proper Place, with a Red Flag in the Mizen Shrouds, and Fire One Gun.

If to Chace to Leeward, with such Admirals Flag, hoisted as above a Blue Flag will be hoisted in the Mizen Shrouds, and One Gun Fired.

If on any particular Quarter of the Compass; with the respective Admirals Flag, hoisted as above; the Flag denoting such Quarter of the Compass will be hoisted in the Mizen Shrouds, and one Gun Fired.

When the Admiral wou'd have him who Commands, in the Second Post; with his Division; hawl by the Wind on the Starboard Tack, he will hoist a White Flag, with a Red Fly, at the Main-top-gallant-mast-head. If on the Larboard Tack, a Blue Pendant will be hoisted under the said Flag. N.B with one Gun.

And when the Admiral wou'd have him, who Commands, in the Third Post, with his Division; to Hawl by the Wind, on the Starboard Tack, he will hoist a Yellow Flag with a Blue Fly, at the Main-top-gallant-mast-head. If on the Larboard Tack, a Red Pendant will be hoisted under the said Flag. N B with One Gun.

Given &c &c &c at Sea, 20th March 1782

G. B. Rodney

N. B. Delivered to all the Ships in the Fleet

ORDER OF SAILING WHEN THE FLEET ARE JOINED

The Centre Division agreeable to the Sixth Article of the Additional Sailing Instructions.

The Flag Officer Commanding in the Second Post,

with his Division (always keeping to Windward) broad upon my Weather Quarter, and at the distance of about two Miles from me, his Ships being disposed of, as above.

The Flag Officer Commanding in the Third Post, with his Division (always keeping to Leeward) narrow upon my Lee Quarter, and at the distance of two Miles from me, his Ships being also disposed of, agreeable to the Sixth above alluded to.

Each repeating Frigate is to keep herself, One Point before the Weather Beam, of her respective Flag Officer, and at the Distance of one Mile and no more. In Battle, at such distance as to be clear of Random Shot, the other Frigates, and Fire Ships, are to keep themselves a Stern of their respective Admirals.

In Tacking in the Night Time, the squadron of the Weather Quarter, is to Tack first, and to lead the Fleet. In Case of Retacking it is still to Tack first, and continue to lead the Fleet.

Formidable

with the
Admirals
Division

Princessa	Barfleur
with the rear Division two Miles from the Formidable narrow on the Lee Quarter that is to say to Leeward and a Stern withall	with the Van Division, two Miles Broad on the Weather Quarter of the Formidable, that is about two or three Points abaft the Weather Beam

Dated at Sea 20th March 1782

G. B. Rodney

N. B. Delivered to all the Ships in the Fleet.

[Marginal note in Admiral Rodney's handwriting:] N B. All these Orders and signals were to intercept the Enemy Convoy hourly expected at Martinique and to Windward of that Island and yet they all arrived safe.

Whereas I have receiv'd Intelligence that an Enemy's Fleet with a Considerable Number of Transports; with Troops; are Daily expected in these Seas, I think it Expedient for the Good of His Majesty's Service that the Fleet under my Command be Stationed as follows Viz[t]

Sir Sam[l] Hood with his Division to Cruize from Fifteen to twenty Leagues to Windward of the North end of Martinique, Stretching as far North as the Latitude of Dominique.

The Centre Division from fifteen to twenty Leagues to Windward of the Body of the Island of Martinico, Stretching as far North as the Latitude of the North End thereof.

Admiral Drake with his Division from fifteen to twenty Leagues to Windward of Point Salines, Stretching as far to the Northward as the Latitude of the Body of the Island of Martinique

The Squadron's are to keep under such moderate sail as may be just Sufficient to keep their respective Stations.

One Line of Battle Ship of the Centre Division is to be Constantly stationed Midway between it and the Van Division.

And a Line of Battle Ship of the Rear Division is to be Constantly stationed between it and the Centre Division

Each Squadron is to have a Line of Battle Ship Constantly Stationed, directly to Windward, as far as Hull down

After having entered on their Stations the Squadrons are to set out (standing to the Northward) under the Easy sail Alluded to in the foregoing; from the Southern Limits of their respective Stations, at 8 P M; and to Tack every Eight hours, that they may always keep themselves at the proper distance from each other.

Commodore Affleck in the Bedford with Two 64 Gun Ships is to Cruize to Windward of Guadaloupe, so as to be nearly in a right Line, with the other Divisions of

the Fleet, Stretching from the Latitude of the North end of Dominique, as far as the Latitude of Deseada.

Dated at Sea, 20th March 1782

G. B. Rodney

N. B. Deliver'd to the Flag Officers

Cancelled

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &c &c &c

You are hereby required and directed to take under your Command the two Ships named in the Margin [1] and Cruize to Windward of Guadaloupe stretching from the Lattitude of the North End of Dominica as far as the Latitude of Deseada, so as to be nearly in a Right Line with the other Divisions of the Fleet, the Distance of which has been already communicated to you, tacking every eight Hours at the same Time the Fleet does, and stretching on alternately every eight Hours, from South to North, and from North to South, making your first Tack, this Evening, at 8 P M from the Southward to the Northward Part of your Station making Sir Sam[1] Hoods Squadron (if possible) once every twenty four Hours.

Given &c &c &c at Sea 21st Mar. 1782

Cancelled G. B. Rodney

To Commodore Affleck &c &c &c

Cancelled

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &c &c &c

You are hereby required and directed to put yourself under the Command of Commodore Affleck, and follow his Orders for your further Proceedings.

Given &c &c &c at Sea 21st March 1782

Cancelled G. B. Rodney

To Captain Truscott Nonsuch
" Wilkinson Prince William

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[1] Nonsuch, Prince William

Formidable at Sea, the 21st of March 1782

In Case of Seeing the Enemy's Convoy, the Division that First Discovers it, is to make the Signal of Seeing a Fleet; this is to be immediately repeated, by the Ships Stationed between each Squadron, and at the same time that Ship is to make the Signal for calling in all Cruizers, and Stand towards the Division that first discovered the Enemy—which Signal will repeated by the Admiral; when every Division is to Join that nearest the Enemy's, Either to Attack them or Persue.

N. B. Delivered to the Flag Officers.

ADDITIONAL SIGNALS BY DAY

If at any time the Admiral wou'd have him who Commands in the Second Post with his Division, keep a head of him, Day or Night, at the distance of One League, He will hoist a Flag quartered Blue and White at the Fore-top-gallant-mast-head and fire a Gun.

And when he wou'd have him that Commands in the Third Post with his Division to do so, the same Flag will be hoisted at the Mizen topmast-head, and a Gun Fired.

If at the distance of two Leagues a Red Pendant, will be hoisted under the Flag. If Three Leagues a White ditto, and if at the distance of Four Leagues, a Blue One. In which Situation such Flag Officer with his Division is to continue until called in (or directed to do otherwise) by Signal. In case of putting about in the Night, such leading Division is, after Tacking to keep a Stern, and on my Weather Quarter withal, and again to Lead the Fleet, in case of retacking at the prescribed distance.

Given &c &c &c at Sea, 22 March 1782

G. B. Rodney

N. B. To the Flag Officers.

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &c &c &c

You are hereby required and directed, to proceed immediately, to Gros Islet Bay, St Lucia, where having delivered the dispatches you are charged with, You are to return to me again as expeditiously as possible, bringing the Flag of Truce that is now there along with you.

Given &c &c &c at Sea 23d March 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Lieutenant Saunderson
Of His Majesty's Schooner Gros Islet

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &c &c &c

Whereas the Fleet under my Command, are intended to Cruize in three Divisions, from Fifteen to Twenty Leagues to Windward of Martinique, in order to intercept the Enemy's Fleet, and Convoy from Europe, Daily expected to arrive at that Island, And whereas the Enemy may gain information of the Station of the Fleet, & push for the Island of Guadaloupe,

You are therefore hereby required and directed, to take the Ships named in the Margin,[1] under your Command, and proceed with them to Windward of *Maregillante,*[2] and Guadaloupe in a Line North from the Station of the Fleet; And in case of getting sight of the Enemy's Convoy; You are if you have Force sufficient, to attack them, but shou'd they be superior to your Force, you are to make me acquainted therewith with all the dispatch possible, and on coming in Sight to make the Signal of Seeing the Enemy, firing Guns 'till you are observed.

Shou'd you gain any Intelligence that you might think it necessary I shou'd be acquainted with, you are either

[1] Bedford, St Albans, America

[2] [Marginal note in Admiral Rodney's handwriting:] N B. Notwithstanding this Order, the Enemy arrived off this Island and were not seen by this Squadron

to rejoin me yourself, or send one of your Squadron, with the said Intelligence, as it may appear to you most proper.

You are every two or three Days to come within sight of the Van Division of the Fleet, and in case no Signal shall be made to recall you, return to your Station; On which you are to remain Ten Days from the date hereof (or till you receive further Orders) at the expiration of which time you are to rejoin the Fleet, agreeable to the appointed Rendezvous.

Given &c &c &c at Sea 25d March 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Commodore Affleck &c &c &c

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by the Alert Sloop

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart &c &c &c

You are hereby required and directed, to repair immediately, with His Majesty's Ship under your Command, Thirty Leagues to Windward of Barbadoes, and Cruize in the Lattitude of the Island of Martinique, in order to look out for the French Reinforcement, daily expected at that Island, and immediately on the discovery thereof, to make the best of you[r] way to join me, agreeable to the enclosed Rendezvous, continuing at least Ten days, after you arrive on that Station.

Given &c &c &c at Sea 25th March 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captain Stanhope
Pegasus

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &c &c &c

You are hereby required and directed to put yourself under the Command of Commodore Affleck, and follow his Orders for your further Proceedings.

Given &c &c &c at Sea, 25th March 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captain Inglis St. Albans
" Thompson America

by the Alert Sloop

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &c &c &c

You are hereby required and directed, to return with His Majesty's Ship, under your Command, and join me agreeable to the enclosed Rendezvous.

Given &c &c &c at Sea 25 March 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captain Rodney
Sybil

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart &c &c &c

You are hereby required and directed to proceed with His Majesty's Ship under your Command, to Gross Islet Bay St Lucia, taking care to Anchor in such a Situation as not to be in the way of the Fleet when they arrive. You are likewise to acquaint the Senior Officer on the Spot that it is my directions that such Ships of War as are already there and have not receiv'd Orders to Sail remove themselves far in the Bay and towards Pidgeon Island side in order to give room for the Fleet to Anchor without difficulty, and that the Princess Carolina proceeds without loss of time to Complete her Water at the Grand Cul de Sac and holds herself in Momentary readiness to proceed to Sea.

You are to Complete your Provisions to four Months, of all species with every dispatch possible, and hold His Majesty's Ship under your Command, in Momentary readiness for proceeding on Service.

Given &c &c &c at Sea 28th March 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captain Savage
Hercules

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &c &c &c

You are hereby required and directed to put yourself under my Command, and follow such orders and direc-

tions as you shall from Time to Time, receive from me for His Majesty's Service.

Given &c &c &c 28th March 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captain	Cotton	Alarm
"	Bromedge	Princess Carolina
"	Smith	Endymion
"	Byron	Andromache
"	Fisher	Alecto

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &c &c &c

You are hereby required and directed, to proceed with His Majesty's Ship under your Command, to Barbadoes, (where you are not to wait more than 24 Hours) and take under your Convoy the Trade bound to Antigua, Mountserrat, Nevis and St Christophers, and see them in safety to St John's Road, Antigua; and having so done to lose no Time, in rejoining the Fleet, at Gross Islet Bay St Lucia.

Given &c &c &c 29th March 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captain Barkley
Prudent

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &c &c &c

You are hereby required and directed, immediately to proceed with His Majesty's Ship under your Command, to Carlisle Bay, Barbadoes, and to receive on board all the Equipage, and Baggage, belonging to His Excellency Major Gen[l] Mathews: also 50 American Prisoners, & to lose no time in returning to join me therewith, in Gross Islet Bay St Lucia.

Given &c &c &c 29 March 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captain Cotton
Alarm

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &c &c &c

You are hereby required and directed, without a moments loss of time, in His Majesty's Ship under your Command, to join me in Gross Islet Bay St Lucia.

Given &c &c &c 29th March 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captain Rodney
Sybil

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &c &c &c

You are hereby required and directed to proceed immediately with the Dispatches you will receive herewith to English Harbour, Antigua, and having delivered the same to Mr Laforey, to be forwarded agreeable to their Address: as expeditiously as possible, to get the Schooner you Command, refitted, and rejoin me in Gros Islet Bay St Lucia.

Given &c &c &c 29th March 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Lieutenant Sanderson
Commanding His Majesty's Schooner Gros Islet

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &c &c &c

You are hereby required and directed after having received Answers from His Excellency's General Shirley and General Prescott to the Dispatches brought them, by the Gros Islet Schooner (which you are to procure as soon as possible) to make the best of your Way, and rejoin me as expeditiously as possible, in His Majesty's Ship under your Command, in Gros Islet Bay St Lucia

Given &c &c &c at Sea 29th March 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captain McLaurin
Triton

ORDERS

To Prevent Accidents Going into Port

It is the Admirals direction that each Ship keep half a Mile a Stern of each other to give time to Anchor and Bring up; And that the Three Deck Ships follow him in that Order first: the others to follow according to Seniority. The Frigates (except the Repeaters) to Anchor to Windward & without all.

N. B. The Ships first following the Admiral to Anchor near him furthest in, the others without them in due succession.

Delivered to the Ships of our Division

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &c &c &c

You are hereby required and directed, to proceed with His Majesty's Ship under your Command, and join the Squadron Cruizing off St Ann's Bay Martinique, putting yourself under the Command of Rear Adm[l] Drake, and follow his Orders for your further proceedings

Given &c &c &c in Gross-Islet Bay St. Lucia
31st March 1782.

G. B. Rodney

To Captain Caldwell
Agamemnon

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &c &c &c

Whereas I have received Intelligence of two American Privateers cruizing to windward of Dominique, You are hereby required and directed, to proceed immediately with his Majesty's Ship under your Command, and endeavour to take or Destroy them.

You are to stretch as far as the Lattitude of Antigua to continue on this Service for Six Days and in case you get any Intelligence necessary to acquaint me with you are to join me immediately in this Bay.

Given &c &c &c 31st March 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captain Ford
Nymphe

By Sir G. Rodney Bart. &c: &c: &c:

You are hereby required & directed to receive on board His Majesty's Store Ship Whitby under your Command the whole of the Naval Stores that are now on board the Resolution, as also Such Spars as are now at the Naval Yard in the Carenage giving proper Receipts for the same.

Given &c. &c. &c 31 Mar: 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Lieutenant Simpson
of His Majesty's Store Ship Whitby

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &c: &c: &c:

Whereas it is represented to me by the Naval Store Keeper for St: Lucia, that there are a Quantity of Naval Stores on board His Majesty's Store Ship Whitby the exact Quantity of which it is necessary to have ascertained.

You are hereby required and directed immediately to proceed on board the said Store Ship in the Carenage and there take a most strict and careful Survey on the remains of Naval Stores now on board, delivering the same into the Charge of Mr Thomas Turquand Naval Store-

keeper of St: Lucia reporting to me from under your hands your Proceedings therein.

Given &ca. &ca. &ca. 31st March 1782

G. B. Rodney

To the Masters of H M Ships Ajax, Monarch,
Resolution and Canada or any three of them

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &c &c &c

Whereas the Agent to the Contractor for Victualling His Majesty's Fleet, under my Command, is not able to furnish the Ships with Pease, Oatmeal, Sour Kroutt, and Vinegar, for want of proper supply's from England

You are hereby required and directed, to cause the King's Ships to be supplied with those particular species of provisions, from the Navy Victuallers, lately arrived by the last Convoy from Home, for which this shall be your Order.

Given &c &c &c 31st March 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Mr John Marr
Agent for Victualling His Majesty's Fleet
Leeward Islands

Cancelled

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &c &c &c

You are hereby required and directed to enter a sufficient Number of Shipwrights for doing the Duty of His Majesty's Yard, at Pidgeon Island, paying them the customary Wages, for which this shall be your Order.

Given &c &c &c 31st March 1782

Cancelled G. B. Rodney

To Mr Thos. Turquand
Naval Store-keeper
St Lucia

Cancelled

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &c &c &c

You are hereby required and directed to purchase the Cargo of the Ship Quebec, consisting of Lumber, Pitch, and Tarr, as also two Boats at the cheapest rate possible, for the Amount of which you are to draw Bills, on the Commissioners of His Majesty's Navy: for which this shall be your Order.

Given &c &c &c 31st March 1782

Cancelled G. B. Rodney

To Mr Thos Turquand
Naval Storekeeper
St Lucia

The Full Title

Whereas Rear Admiral Sir Samuel Hood hath transmitted to me the enclosed Letter from Lieutenant John Brand giving an account of the loss of His Majesty's late Schooner the Expedition under his Command. And as I think it necessary that a Court Martial shou'd be held to enquire into the cause and circumstances of the loss of the said Schooner and try Lieutenant John Brand his Officers and Company for their Conduct upon that occasion.

You are hereby required and directed (as soon as the Public Service will admit) to assemble a Court Martial for the purpose abovementioned, transmitting to me the Sentence and Proceedings of the said Court Martial.

Given &c &c &c 31st March 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Sir Sam[l] Hood Bart. &c &c &c

The Full Title

Whereas Captain Inglis of His Majesty's Ship St Albans has represented to me by Letter dated 21st March

1782, that Captain Thomas Winter of Marines, on board the said Ship, did on the 17th Instant behave himself with Impropriety on the Quarter Deck, and was guilty of Disobedience to his Orders, as in the said Letter is set forth, which Letter is Herewith inclosed.

You are hereby required and directed, to assemble a Court Martial, and try the said Captain Thomas Winter upon the Charge exhibited against him, reporting to me the Sentence and Proceedings of the Court accordingly.

Given &c &c &c 31st March 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Sir Sam[l] Hood Bart. &c &c &c

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &c &c &c

Whereas it is absolutely necessary for carrying on the Kings Service that a Quantity of all kinds of Naval Stores shou'd be ready in your Charge to supply such His Majesty's Ships with the same as the exigency of circumstances may require; and Whereas a Ship laden with lumber, Pitch, and Tar is arrived in this Port for Sale, and the Kings Stores being in want of those particular Articles.

You are hereby required and directed to purchase the Cargo of the Ship Quebec, at the Cheapest rate possible consisting of Lumber, Pitch, and Tar, as also two Boats shou'd they have any such to dispose of, and for the Amount thereof you are to draw Bills, on the Commissioners of His Majesty's Navy, for my Approval; for which this shall be your Order.

Given &c &c &c 31st March 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Mr Thos Turquand
Store-keeper St Lucia

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &c &c &c

You are hereby required and directed, to proceed with His Majesty's Ship under your Command, and join the Squadron Cruizing off St Ann's Bay Martinique, putting yourself under the Command of Rear Adm[l] Drake, and follow his Orders for your further proceedings.

Given &c &c &c in Gross Islet Bay
St Lucia 31st March 1782.

G. B. Rodney

To Captain Caldwell
Agamemnon

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart: K B. &c: &c: &c

You are hereby required and directed to put yourself under the Command of Rear Adm[l] S[r] Sam[l] Hood and follow his Orders for your further proceedings.

Given &c: &c: &c: at Sea [blank] April 1782

To Rear Adm[l] Drake
Commodore Affleck
Captain [blank]

An Order for a Survey on Flour, Pease and Butter on board His Majesty's Ship America, addressed to the Masters of His Majesty's Ships Prince George, Alcide, Fame, St Albans and Hercules, or any three of them. 1st April, 1782

A Similar Order for a Survey on part of the Best and small Bower Cables, Sails, and Rigging on board His Majesty's Ship America, addressed to the Masters of His Majesty's Ships Prince George, Alcide, Fame, St Albans and Hercules or any three of them. 1st April 1782.

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &c &c &c

Captain Inglis having represented to me by Letter of this Day's Date, that the two Men named in the Margin [1] belonging to His Majesty's Ship St Albans, under his Command, are from their complaints rendered improper objects to be continued in His Majesty's Service, requesting I wou'd order them to be surveyed.

You are hereby required and directed to repair on board the said Ship and take a strict and impartial Survey on the said Men: reporting to me your opinion of their Complaints, and whither they are proper objects to be Invalided from His Majesty's Service.

Given &c &c &c 1st April 1782

G. B. Rodney

To The Physicians of the Fleet
& Surgeons of His Majesty's Ships Duke & Prince George

Full Title

Whereas Captain Stanhope of His Majesty's Ship Pegasus has represented to me by Letter dated 4th March 1782, that William Mackarell Boatswain on board the said Ship, has been for a length of time guilty of Drunkenness and neglect of Duty which Letter is herewith Inclosed.

You are hereby required and directed, to assemble a Court Martial and try the said William Mackarell upon the Charge exhibited against him, reporting to me the Sentence and Proceedings of the Court accordingly.

Given &c &c &c 1st April 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Sir Sam[l] Hood Bart.
Rear Admiral of the Blue &c &c &c

[1] John Harris, Wm. Wec

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &c &c &c

Captain Dumaresq having represented to me by Letter dated 15th March 1782 that Mr George Woodriffe Gunner of His Majesty's Ship Repulse under his Command, is from Age, Infirmity and failure of Speech and Eye Sight, having served thirty two Years in His Majesty's Service, twenty six of which a Gunner, rendered incapable of performing his Duty, desiring a Survey may be held on him.

You are hereby required and directed to repair on board the said Ship, and take a strict and impartial Survey on the said Mr. George Woodriffe, reporting to me your opinion of his Complaints, and whether he is a proper Object to be Invalided from His Majesty's Service

Given &c &c &c 1st April 1782

G. B. Rodney

To The Physician of the Fleet,
and Surgeons of His Majesty's Ships Duke and Namur

The Full Title

Rear Admiral Drake having sent me the Inclosed Letter which he received from Captain Barbor of His Majesty's Ship Fame, desiring at the request of Captain Moriaty of Marines, that a Court Martial may be assembled to try Philip Neal Private Marine for Collering, Striking, and being insolent to Mr Thomas Wheeler 2d Lieutenant of Marines his Officer on board the said ship; when in the Execution of His Duty in attempting to settle a dispute between the said Philip Neal, and a Corporal of Marines he has likewise been Beating on the Evening of the 17th March 1782.

You are hereby required and directed to assemble a Court Martial, and try the said Philip Neal upon the

Charge Exhibited against him; reporting to me the Sentence, and Proceedings of the Court accordingly.

Given &c &c &c 1d April 1782.

G. B. Rodney

To Sir Sam[l] Hood Bart.
Rear Admiral of the Blue &c &c &c

An Order for a Survey on Brandy on board His Majesty's Ship Russell addressed to the Masters of His Majesty's Ships Duke, Fame, Repulse, America and St Albans or any three of them. 1st April 1782

The Full Title

Whereas several Occasions may arrive during my Absence from this Place, or on your being employed on seperate Service, when it may be for the Good of His Majesty's Service, that you shou'd be empower'd to assemble Court Martials.

By Virtue of the Power, and Authority to me given I do hereby authorize and empower You, at such Times, and on such Occasions, in the Absence of any your Senior Officer, on proper application being made to you, or your thinking the same Requisite, to order such Court Martials to be assembled, as you shall judge necessary for the Good of His Majesty's Service.

Given &c &c &c 1st April 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Francis Sam[l] Drake Esq[r]
Rear Admiral of the Blue &c &c &c

An Order for a Survey on Sails, Cables and some Rigging on board His Majesty's Ship Alcide, addressed to the Master of the Formidable and the Masters of the Alfred, Monarch, Namur, and Ajax or any three of them. 1 Ap[l] 1782

By Sir George B. Rodney Bart. K. B. &c &c &c

You are hereby required and directed to repair on board His Majestys Ship Prince George and there Act as Surgeons Third Mate till further Orders.

Given &ca. &ca. 1st April 82

G. B. Rodney

To Mr. [blank] Arnold
hereby appointed to Act as Surgeons 3d Mate
on board his Majestys Ship P^ce^ George

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. K B &c: &c: &c:

Whereas the Number of Sick on board His Majestys Ship under your Command are so numerous that they cannot now be received in the Hospital on Pigeon Island, and as it is absolutely necessary for His Majestys Service, that they should be landed.

You are hereby requir'd and directed, to Erect such Tents as may be absolutely necessary to contain them, out of the Stores that can be converted to that purpose, with the least detriment to His Majesty's Service: giving me an account of the same.

Given &c: &c: &c: on board His Majestys Ship
Formidable in Gros Islet Bay St: Lucia
1st Ap^l^ 1782

G: B: Rodney

To Captain Barbor
of H. M. Ship Fame

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &c &c &c

You are hereby required and directed to proceed without one Moment's loss of time with His Majesty's Sloop under your Command to Jamaica, and deliver my dispatches to the Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships on that Station.

You are upon no account whatever to Chace or suffer yourself to be spoke with but make the greatest dispatch in your power to Port Royal Jamaica.

Given &ca. &ca. &ca. 3d April 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captain Rivett
Duc D'Estissac

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &ca. &ca. &ca.

Whereas I have received directions from my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, to Purchase fast Sailing Vessels, the better to keep up a Correspondence between these Islands, Jamaica, and America, and having been informed that the American Brig Captured by His Majesty's Ship Bedford is a fit Vessel for that Purpose

You are hereby required and directed to repair on board the said Brig, and take a strict and careful Survey on the Hull, Rigging, Furniture, and Ordnance Stores on board her, reporting to me for the information of the Naval store-keeper here the State and Condition together with the Valuation of the same; and you are further directed to take this Survey with such Care, and Equity, that if required, you may be ready to make Oath to the impartiality of your Proceedings.

Given &ca. &ca. &ca. 4th April 1782 [1]

G. B. Rodney

To Mr. John Bignall
Master Builder on Pidgeon Island
and to the Carpenters of His Majesty's Ships
Formidable and [blank]
and to the Gunners of His Majesty's Ships
Ajax, Resolution and Conqueror

[1] Another copy of this letter, inserted at the end of the manuscript volume, concludes:

Given under my hand on board His Majestys Ship Formidable Gros Islet Bay St Lucia 4th April 1782

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &c &c &c

You are hereby required and directed to proceed with His Majesty's Sloop under your Command to Carlisle Bay Barbadoes and deliver my dispatches agreeable to their Address, after which you are to return with such Victuallers and Trade as may be bound to St Lucia

Given &ca. &ca. &ca. 4th April 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captain Bouchier
Zebra

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &c &c &c

You are hereby required and directed to Complete the Complement of His Majesty's Sloop under your Command, with the utmost dispatch possible and when ready to Cruize to Windward of Barbadoes to protect the Trade bound to that Island returning every Eight or Ten Days to Carlisle Bay for Intelligence or such Orders as may be laying there for you and receiving no directions to the Contrary return to your Cruizing Station, looking upon this as your established Station till further Orders.

Given &ca. &ca. &ca. 4th April 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captain Cobb
of His Majesty's Sloop Stormont

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &ca. &ca. &ca.

You are hereby required and directed to join me with His Majesty's Ship under your Command in Gros-Islet Bay St Lucia

Given &ca. &ca. &ca. 4th April 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captain Christian
Fortunée

Memorandum,

It is my directions that you proceed with His Majesty's Ship under your Command and Cruize between Pidgeon Island St Lucia and the Diamond Rock, looking into Fort Royal Bay every day making your observations on the Enemy's Fleet laying there and report the same to me.

Given &c &c &c 4 Ap[l]

G. B. Rodney

Capt[n] Smith
Endymion

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &ca. &ca. &ca.

Whereas I have received directions from my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, to Purchase fast Sailing Vessels, the better to keep up a Correspondence between these Islands, Jamaica, and America, and having been informed that the American Brig Captured by His Majesty's Ship Bedford is a fit Vessel for that Purpose,

You are hereby required and directed to purchase the said American Brig and draw for the Amount on the Commissioners of His Majesty's Navy.

You are further directed to Name her the St Lucia, and fit her with Naval Stores of every kind on the Establishment of a Sloop of War of fourteen Guns, and Eighty Men; For which this shall be your Order.

Given &ca. &ca. &ca. 4th April 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Mr Thomas Turquand
Naval Storekeeper
St Lucia

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &ca. &ca. &ca.

You are hereby required and directed to Cruize with His Majesty's Ship under your Command to Windward of Barbadoes and to go into Carlisle Bay every Eight or

ten days for Intelligence or for such Orders as may be there for you and receiving no directions to the contrary you are to return to your Station.

Given &ca. &ca. &ca. 4th April 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captain Stanhope
Pegasus

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &ca. &c

Captain Gardner having represented to me by Letter of this day's date that the Men named in the Margin,[1] belonging to His Majesty's Ship Duke under his Command are from the nature of their Complaints rendered unfit for His Majesty's Service in this Climate requesting I wou'd order a Survey on them,

You are hereby required and directed to repair on board the said Ship and take a Strict Survey on the Men complained of reporting to me the Nature of their Complaints, and whither in your opinion they are fit objects to be Invalided from His Majesty's Service.

Given &ca. &ca. &ca. [April 4, 1782?]

G. B. Rodney

To The Physician of the Fleet
and the Surgeons of His Majesty's Ships
Hercules, Intrepid & Repulse
or any two of them.

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &ca. &ca. &ca.

Whereas I have appointed George Irwin Gunner of His Majesty's Ship Repulse in room of George Woodreff late Gunner of the said Ship.

You are hereby required and directed to repair on

[1] John Luke, Jn° Tucker, Jn° Kelly, Laieght^n Dalton, Danl Lee, Willm King, Jos^h Hornett, Thos White

board the said ship, and take a Survey of Gunners Stores, there remaining reporting to me from under your Hands your proceedings therein.

Given &ca. &ca. &ca. 4 April 1782

G. B. Rodney

To The Gunners of His Majesty's Ships Intrepid, Shrewsbury, Hercules & Duke or any three of them

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By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &ca. &ca. &ca.

Mr. Robert Sauce Midshipman on board His Majesty's Ship Repulse having represented to me that he has served his full Time in the Navy desiring an Order to pass an Examination touching his Qualifications to serve as Lieutenant in the Navy

You are hereby required and directed to call before you the said Mr. Robert Sauce and to examine him touching his said Qualifications and to report to me under your Hands accordingly

Given &ca. &ca. &ca. 5 April 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Sir Chas. Douglas Bart.
and any two Senior Captain

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart &ca. &ca. &ca.

You are hereby required and directed to receive from His Majesty's Ship Shrewsbury, four of her Upper Deck Guns, four of her Main Deck Guns, and four [*sic* for two] of her Quarter Deck Guns together with their Carriages & every other appertanance belonging thereto, giving Receipts for the same, and mount them in the most eligible places that may be proposed by the Chief Engineer for the defence of Pigeon Island

Given &ca. &ca. &ca. 5 April 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captain Miller
Pigeon Island

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &ca. &ca. &ca.

Whereas it has been reported to me by Survey on His Majesty's Ship under your Command that she is in no Condition to perform the Duty of a 74 Gun Ship in Battle and that from her great weakness it is absolutely necessary to reduce her to a 64 Gun Ship.

You are therefore hereby required and directed, to cause four of your lower Deck Guns, four of your upper deck Guns, and two of your Quarter Deck Guns, with their Carriages and every Appurtenance belonging to them, to be put on Shore on Pigeon Island and delivered into the Charge of Captain Miller the Commanding Officer in that Island directing your Gunner to take receipts from this Captain Miller of their delivery for which this shall be your Order.

Given &ca. &ca. &ca. 5th April 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captain West
Shrewsbury

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &ca. &ca. &ca.

Whereas I have given Orders to Mr Jn° Wright Provost Marshall at the Trial, this day held on Sim^{n} Acklin & Saml Tinsley to cause the said Sentence to be put in Execution on monday morning at 6 O'Clock in the Manner in the said Order directed on the Signal being made from your own Ship for that Purpose

You are hereby required and directed to be aiding and assisting to him the said Provost Martial, in the usual Manner towards putting the said Sentence in Execution (who is directed to wait on you with his Orders and receive your Instructions) ordering your Surgeon to attend the same.

Given &c &c &c 5 Ap^{l} 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captn Savage
Hercules

A Similar Order given to Captain Barbor of the Fame in consequence of the sentence passed on Philip Neale Private Marine. 6 April 1782

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &c &c &c

Whereas Simon Acklin and Sam[1] Tinsley belonging to His Majesty's Ship Hercules have been adjudged at a Court Martial this Day held on them to receive One Hundred Lashes each on their bare Backs with a Cat of Nine Tails, along side such Ships at such Times and in such proportions as I (as Commander in Chief) shall direct for Crimes specified in their Sentences.

You are hereby required and directed to cause the said punishment to be inflicted on them accordingly to Morrow Morning at 6 O'Clock, (when the Signal will be made for the purpose) by their receiving twenty Lashes each along side the ships named in the Margin [1] beginning with the Namur and ending with the Hercules, the Ship they belong to, where you are to leave them, reading the Sentence of the Court Martial along side each Ship previous to the Punishment; first shewing this Order to Captain Savage who has my Orders to be aiding and assisting to you therein.

Given &c &c &c 6 Ap[l] 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Mr John Wright
Provost Martial

A Similar Order given to Mr John Wright Provost Martial to attend the Punishment of Philip Neale Private Marine on board His Majesty's Ship Fame, along side the Ships named in the Margin [2] beginning with the Conqueror and ending with the Fame. 6 April 1782

[1] Namur, Ajax, Duke, Canada, Hercules

[2] Conqueror, Arrogant, Marlborough, Torbay, Fame

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &ca. &ca. &ca.

Captain Fanshawe having represented to me by Letter of this days date, that there is on board His Majesty's Ship Namur under his Command a quantity of Butter unfit for men to eat, requesting a Survey on the Same.

You are hereby required and directed to proceed on board the said Ship and take a strict and careful Survey on the Butter complained of, and if found as represented, reporting to me your Proceedings thereon.

Given &ca. &ca. &ca. 6 April 1782

G. B. Rodney

To The Masters of His Majesty's Ship Alcide,
Nonsuch, Montagu and Ajax or any three of them

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &ca. &ca. &ca.

You are hereby required and directed to discharge the Party of Soldiers of the 69th Regiment serving on board His Majesty's Ship under your Command into His Majesty's Ship Prince George.

Given &ca. &ca. &ca. 6th April 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captain West
Shrewsbury

Memorandum,

Formidable Gros Islet Bay St Lucia 6 April, 1782

It is my directions that you repeat the Signal for all Masters of Merchant Ships bound to Jamaica, and acquaint them that they are to be ready to Sail at a Moments warning, and to Recommend it to them, when the Signal is made for Weighing, that the Leewardmost Weigh Anchor first, to prevent their running on board each other.

Signed. G. B. Rodney

To Captain Bromidge
Princess Carolina

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &ca &ca &ca

You are hereby required and directed, to receive General Skeene with his Suite on board His Majesty's Ship under your Command.

Given &ca &ca &ca 6th April 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captain Williams
Prince George

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &c &c &c

Whereas I have appointed Mr S. Steal Gunner of His Majesty's Ship St Eustatius who is not now on the spot

You are hereby required and directed to repair on board the said ship and there take a Strict and Careful Survey of the Gunners Stores delivering the same into the Charge of the Gunners Mate or any other person the Captain shall desire till further Orders Reporting to me your proceedings

Given &c &c &c 6 Ap[l] 1782

G. B. Rodney

To The Gunners of the Intrepid
Shrewsbury
Hercules
and Duke
or any three of them

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &ca. &ca. &ca.

Whereas the Kings Service has been greatly retarded for want of proper Craft for the purpose of Victualling and watering His Majesty's Fleet, under my Command, in the Leeward Islands

And Whereas the late delays in Victualling the Fleet is found to be very prejudicial to the Service, by preventing their holding themselves in momentary readiness

to proceed to Sea, on any Emergency that may occur. You are therefore, in order to prevent in future such dangerous delays (particularly at this critical Juncture) when the Enemy's Fleet may be in hourly Expectation of moving from Martinique hereby authorized and required to purchase or Hire on the most reasonable Terms possible for the Crown, such Sloops, Schooners and small Craft as may be absolutely wanted for the purpose, before mentioned, charging the Amount of the same in your account with the Victualling Board for the Services as above expressed, and for which this shall be your Order.

Given &ca. &ca. &ca. 6 April 1782

G. B. Rodney

To John Marr Esqr
Agent for Victualling His Majesty's Fleet
in the West Indies

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &ca. &ca. &ca.

Whereas I judge it expedient for the preservation of the Healths of the respective Crews of His Majesty's Fleet, under my Command, that as often as possible Wine shou'd be served to the Men, in lieu of Spirits, which is judged to be more pernicious in its Effects, by destroying the health of the Men, instead of promoting the same, abundantly more than is generally supposed, And whereas there are some Vessels laden with Wine, may be soon expected for the use of the Fleet,

You are hereby required and directed to use your best endeavours to purchase on the best and most reasonable Terms such Quantities of Wine as may from Time to Time be wanted for the Kings Ships, untill the arrival of the Wine Ships, when you are to cease purchasing Wine, till a future Demand may occasion a further purchasing of Wine necessary.

Given &c &c &c 6 Ap^l^ 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Jno Marr Esqr &c &c &c
West Indies

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &ca. &ca. &ca.

You are hereby required and directed to Order the Purser of His Majesty's Ship under your Command to Supply the Purser of His Majesty's Ship Bedford with Six Weeks Pease and Oatmeal for her Complement taking proper receipts for the same.

Given &ca. &ca. &ca. 6 Ap[l] 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Capt[n] Linzee
Magnificent

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &ca. &ca. &ca.

You are hereby required and directed to compleat the Provisions of all Species on board His Majesty's Ship under your Command to four Months and constantly to keep her so whenever Opportunity shall offer 'till further Orders.

Given &ca. &ca. &ca. 6 April 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captain Fanshawe
Namur

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by the Hornett

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &ca. &ca. &ca.

You are hereby required and directed not to lose a moments time in joining me with his Majesty's Ship under your command in Gros-Islet Bay St Lucia

Given &ca. &ca. &ca. 7th April 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captain	Buckner	Prothée
"	Ford	La Nymphe
"	Barkley	Prudent
"	McLaurin	Triton
"	Keppel	Germaine
"	Linzée	Santa Monica

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &ca. &ca. &ca.

You are hereby required and directed to proceed with His Majesty's Sloop under your Command, off English Harbour Antigua, and after delivering my Dispatches to Commissioner Laforey to proceed without one Moments loss of Time, to New York, with my Dispatches for Rear Admiral Digby, Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels in America.

Given &ca. &ca. &ca. 7th April 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captain Tinsley
Hornett

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &ca. &ca. &ca.

Whereas the preservation of the Health of the Crews of the Fleet, under my Command, employed in the West Indies, is of the utmost importance to the Kings Service, and whereas it has been found that Molasses being Issued to the Seamen and Marines of the respective Ships has greatly contributed not only to preserve them in their Health, but also towards promoting Health, to those who have been afflicted with the Scurvy and other disorders incidents to Men who have been long at Sea and on Salt Provisions

You are therefore hereby required and directed to purchase from Time to Time, as opportunities may Offer, a sufficient quantity of Molasses to supply the Ships with the established proportion thereof which is to be Issued in lieu of Half the Original allowance of Oatmeal, as hath of late being practised at Home, and which practice I propose to have invariably continued while Molasses can be purchased for the aforementioned salubrious Ends, and for so doing this shall be your Order.

Given &ca. &ca. &ca. 7th April 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Mr John Marr
Agent Victualler &c &c &c

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &ca. &ca. &ca.

Whereas you have represented to Me by letter of Yesterday's date that the Empty Bread Casks and dry staves returned from the Kings Ships on Pigeon Island from the Fleet are of no kind of use to you for repairing of Casks for the Kings Ships, and that the said staves are of little or no Value at Home shou'd they be sent to England in any the returned Victuallers, and therefore proposing the same to be sold at public Auction to the best bidder, as you suppose the Sale thereof will yield a considerable proffit to the Crown

You are in consequence thereof hereby required and directed to cause the said dry Casks and staves to be Advertised in the Public Papers and sold at public Vendue to the best bidder on the seperate lots, and Debit yourself for the Amount of the sales thereof in your Account with the Victualling Board and for so doing this shall be your Order

Given &c &c &c 7 Ap[l] 1782

G. B. Rodney

To John Marr Esq[r] &c &c &c

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &ca. &ca. &ca.

Whereas by an Account Current rendered in to me by Mr James Douglas who officiated as deputy Agent Victualler to Mr Wm. Augustus Miles late acting Agent Victualler that a ballance in favor of the Crown appears to be due, and which ballance I think requisite shou'd be herewith paid into your Hands as Agent Victualler to the Kings Fleet under my Command in the West Indies

You are therefore hereby required and directed to demand of and receive from the said Mr James Douglas the ballance of the said Accounts which he has under his Hand rendered to Me, giving him a Receipt for the said sum of Money and debiting yourself for the amount

thereof in your Cash Accounts with the Commissioners of the Victualling and for which this shall be your Order

Given &ca. &ca. &ca. 7 April 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Mr John Marr
Agent Victualler &c &c &c
Leeward Islands

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &c &c &c

Having found it necessary to reduce the Number of Guns of His Majesty's Ship under your Command in Order for her greater security and Men being much wanted on board others of His Majesty's Ships in the Fleet.

You are hereby required and directed to discharge from her, in order to their being put on board other Ships as directed in the Margin,[1] All the Men you have on board exceeding Five Hundred, beginning at the latter End of the List and proceeding upwards, she being in future to be considered as a sixty four Gun Ship

Given &ca. &ca. &ca. 7 April 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captain West
Shrewsbury

[Marginal note in Admiral Rodney's handwriting:] This ship and the Intrepid & Invincible render'd Useless.

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &ca. &ca. &ca.

Whereas there are many inconveniences arising in watering His Majesty's Hospital on Pigeon Island from His Majesty's Ship

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	No Men		No Men
[1] Russel	23	Namur	20
Hercules	20	Conqueror	9
Resolution	20	Fame	7

You are hereby required and directed to hire a sufficient Number of Negroes in Order to Effect that purpose

Given &ca. &ca. &ca. 7 Ap[l] 1782

G. B. Rodney

To The Agent of His Majesty's Hospital
Pigeon Island

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &ca. &ca. &ca.

Whereas in the Account Current you have rendered in to me relative to your receipts and Disbursements of the Publick Money, as Deputy to Mr. Wm. Augustus Miles, late Acting Agent Victualler to the Fleet in these Seas, that a ballance remains in your Hands, due to the Crown, Amounting to Eight hundred forty eight Pounds, seven Shillings, and two Pence halfpenny.

You are in consequence thereof hereby required and directed to pay the said ballance into the Hands of Mr John Marr, Agent Victualler, to the Fleet, and take his receipts for the same, for which this shall be your Order.

Given &ca. &ca. &ca. 7th April 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Mr. James Douglas
On Pigeon Island, St Lucia

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &ca. &ca. &ca.

Whereas I have directed Captain Bromidge of His Majesty's Ship Princess Carolina to proceed on with the Convoy bound to Jamaica and as I think it highly necessary that the said Convoy shou'd be strengthened.

You are hereby required and directed to proceed with His Majesty's Ship under your Command, and accompany them safe to Port Royal Jamaica, where on your arrival you are to put yourself under the Command of

the Senior Officer of His Majesty's Ships there and follow his Orders for your further proceedings.

Given &ca. &ca. &ca. 7th April 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captain Molloy Intrepid
" West Shrewsbury

N. B. Dispatches were sent by Mr. Woodland mate of the Snow Catharine to Captn Molloy

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By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &c &c &c

Whereas the Expence attendant on the necessary Erections on the Island of Gros-Islet have been already very great, and the same shou'd be as far as the Good of His Majesty's Service will admit thereof, restrained in future

You are hereby required and directed to cause the carrying on any further Buildings be put a stop to, excepting the erecting of two framed Houses, one for the Builder, and the other for the Surgeon, of two Rooms on a Floor each; (which are to be compleated out of the Lumber lately purchased) and the finishing of the Tank and any other Work already began together with what Buildings Mr Marr Agent to His Majesty's Victualling Board may judge necessary to erect for his own Use, or carrying on the Duty of Agent Victualler.

Given &ca. &ca. &ca. 8th April 1782

G. B. Rodney

Rear Admiral Drake &ca. &ca. &ca.

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &c &c &c

You are hereby required and directed to remain in His Majesty's Ship under your Command for the Protection of Pigeon Island, and to give every Assistance and support them in your power by Assisting in supply-

ing the same with water and landing your Men if necessary to fight the Guns, and in case of landing yourself with them you are to take the Command of the said Island and use every Exertion in your Power for its Defence.

Given &ca. &ca. &ca. 8 April 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captain Dodd
Lizard

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &ca. &ca. &ca.

You are hereby required and directed the Instant you arrive in this Bay to put yourself under the Command of Captain Molloy of His Majesty's Ship Intrepid and accompany the Convoy to Port Royal Jamaica, but in Case the fleet are in sight you are to join me.

Given &ca. &ca. &ca. 8th April 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captain Rodney
Sybil

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &ca. &ca. &ca.

You are hereby required and directed to take upon you the Command of His Majesty's Ship St Eustatius, till the arrival of the Blast, or till Captain Carnegie may take possession of her

Given &ca. &ca. &ca. 8th April 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captain Patterson
of His Majesty's Fireship Blast.

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &ca. &ca. &ca.

Whereas I think it necessary for the better carrying on His Majesty's Service that you shou'd return to your

former duty as Agent of Transports being fully convinced of your Ability thro' a long employ on that Station.

You are hereby required and directed to return to that Duty accordingly holding your Rank as a Master and Commander in His Majesty's Service.

Given &ca. &ca. &ca. 8th April 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captain Kelly
Blast

The Full Title

Whereas it is absolutely necessary, for the good of His Majesty's Service, that a Purveyor be appointed to victual His Majesty's Naval Hospital, on Pigeon Island

You are hereby required and directed immediately to repair to Pigeon Island St Lucia, and there act as purveyor to His Majesty's Naval Hospital there, you are to victual the Men according to the Usual practice of Hospitals, for which Duty you will be allowed Ten Shillings Sterling ℔ diem untill further Order.

Given &ca. &ca. &ca. in Gros Islet Bay
St Lucia, 8th April 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Mr [blank]
hereby appointed to Act as Purveyor
to His Majesty's Naval Hospital
on Pigeon Island, St Lucia
('till further Orders)

The Full Title

Whereas I think it highly necessary for His Majesty's Service at this particular juncture that a Supernumerary Captain be on board His Majesty's Ship where my Flag in [*sic*] Flying: the better to carry on the Public Service.

You are hereby required and directed to repair on

board His Majesty's Ship Formidable and there Act as a Supernumerary Captain till further Orders, hereby Strictly Charging and Commanding all the Officers and Company belonging to the said Ship subordinate to you to behave themselves with all due respect and obedience unto you their said Supernumerary Captain and you likewise to observe and execute all such Orders and Directions as you shall from time to time receive from me or any other your Superior Officer for His Majesty's Service hereof nor you nor any of you may fail as you will answer the Contrary at your Peril.

Given &ca. &ca. &ca. in Gros-Islet Bay
St Lucia, 8th April 1782

G. B. Rodney

To The Right Honble Ld Cranstoun

An Order given to Captain Symons to receive Lord Cranstoun

8th April 1782

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &c. &c. &c.

Whereas Captain Reynolds has represented to me, that he has so little Powder on board, that he may be deficient in Case of coming to Action again;

You are hereby required and directed to cause the Gunner of His Majesty's Ship, under your Command, to supply the Gunner of the Monarch with

Corn Powder Half Barrels	Thirty No.	
Copper Hoops on D°	One hundred and twenty No.	
Corn Powder in Cartridges	Forty five Pounds	
Cartridges 18 Pounders	Five	No.
Cases of Wood 18 D°	Five	
Match	One hundred Weight	

taking proper receipts for the same.

Given &c &c &c 11 Ap^l 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captain Marshall
Flora

FRENCH LINE OF BATTLE [April, 1782]

Escadre Blanche et Bleue

Division	Ships Names	Guns	Frigates &ca.
1st	Le Soveraine	74	L'Experiment
	L'Hercule	74	Le Sagittaire
	L'Auguste	80	L'Hypocrite
	Le Northumberland	74	Le Resolue
2d	Le Zelé	74	
	Le Conquerant	74	Le Cornwallis
	Le Duc de Burgoyne	80	
	Le Marsellois	74	
3d	L'Hector	74	La Concorde
	Le Magnanime	80	
	Le Cæsar	74	
	Le Diadem	74	L'Engageante

Escadre Blanche

4th	Le Glorieux	74	
	Le Sceptre	74	Le Richmond
	L'Eveillé	64	La Medié
5th	Le Languedoc	84	
	La Ville de Paris	110	Le Clair Voyant
	Le Couronne	84	
6th	Le Refléché	74	L'Iris
	Le Scipion	64	
	Le St Esprit	84	La Galathée
	Le Palmier	74	

Escadre Bleue

Division	Ships Names	Guns	Frigates &ca.
7th	Le Jason	64	
	Le Citoyen	74	
	Le Destin	74	Le Fripponne
	Le Dauphin Royal	74	
8th	L'Ardent	64	
	Le Neptune	84	
	Le Triomphant	84	L'Astrée
	Le Magnafique	74	
9th	Le Caton	64	
	Le Burgoyne	64	La Ceres
	Le Brave	74	
	Le Pluton	74	L'Amazone

List of Ships, 12th April 1782,
and for which Ships Prize Lists have been sent in

Formidable	Captn	Symons	St A[l]bans	Captn Inglis
Barfleur		Knight	Agamemnon	Caldwell
Princessa		Knatchbull	Resolution	Ld R^{t} Manners
Bedford		Graves	Prothée	Buckner
Duke		Gardner	Hercules	Savage
Namur		Fanshaw	America	Thompson
Pce. George		Williams	Russel	Saumarez
Royal Oak		Burnett	Fame	Barber
Alfred	Lt.	Hall	Anson	Blair
Montague	Capt.	Bowen	Torbay	Gidoin
Yarmouth		Parry	Conqueror	Balfour
Valiant		Goodall	Nonsuch	Truscott
Monarch		Reynolds	Alcide	C. Thompson
Warrior		Sir J. Wallace	Arrogant	Cornish
Belliqueux		Sutherland	Marlboro'	Penney
Centaur		Inglefield	Endymion	Smith
Magnificent		Linzee	Flora	Marshall
Pce William		Wilkinson	Andromache	Biron
Ajax		Charington	Champion	Hood
Repulse		Dumaresq	Eurydice	Willson
Canada	The Hon. Cornwallis		Triton	McLaurin

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart &ca. &ca. &ca.

You are hereby required and directed to proceed immediately in His Majesty's Ship under your Command to Port Royal Harbour Jamaica where you are to deliver the Dispatches you are charged with as directed, after which you are to join me off the East End of Jamaica.

Given &ca. &ca. &ca. 14 April 1782

To Captain Ford
Nymphe

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by the Triton

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &ca. &ca. &ca.

Whereas the whole Fleet under my Command are under the Necessity of going instantly to Jamaica.

You are hereby required and directed to take Charge and Command of what Ships may remain or arrive on the Station, during my absence.

You are to co-operate with General Mathews, Com-

mander in Chief of His Majesty's Land Forces, in every thing relative to the Publick Service, and as far as in your power not only defend His Majesty's Islands, if attacked, but take every opportunity of attacking and distressing the Public Enemy, letting me know by every opportunity, of any thing, that you may think it necessary for me to be acquainted with, sending me frequent expresses.

Given &ca. &ca. &ca. at Sea 14 Ap[l] 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captain Shirley
or y[e] Senior Officer Commanding His Majesty's Ships at Barbadoes, St Lucia &c

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By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &ca. &ca. &ca.

You are hereby required and directed to proceed immediately with my Dispatches to Gros-Islet Bay St Lucia

Given &ca. &ca. &ca. at Sea 14 April 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captain McLaurin
Triton

(Cancelled)

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &ca. &ca. &ca.

You are hereby required and directed, to take the Ships named in the Margin,[1] and together with the French Prize, therein also mentioned, and proceed immediately to Port Royal Harbour, Jamaica, following such Orders, as you may receive from me or the Commander, there for your further Proceedings.

Given &ca. &ca. &ca. at Sea 14th April 1782

(Cancelled) G. B. Rodney

To Captain Barbor
Fame

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[1] Fame, Ajax, Torbay, Russel

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &ca. &ca. &ca.

You are hereby required and directed, to receive Lord Cranstoun, who is charged with my Dispatches for the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, and Proceed with them without one moments loss of time, with His Majesty's Ship under your Command, to the first port you can make in Great Britain, when you are to Land Lord Cranstoun, accompany him with the utmost dispatch to the Admiralty.

You are upon no account whatever to Chace with His Majesty's Ship under your Command but to use your utmost endeavours, to make your passage as Short as possible.

Given &ca. &ca. &ca. at Sea 14 Ap[l] 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captain Byron
Andromache

An Order for a Survey on Gunners Stores on board His Majesty's Ship Triton addressed to the Gunners of His Majesty's Ships Duke, Agamemnon, Repulse & Resolution or any three of them.

14th April 1782

An Order for a Survey on Gunners Stores on board His Majesty's Ship Prothée addressed to the Gunners of His Majesty's Ships Duke, Agamemnon, Repulse & Resolution or any three of them.

14th April 1782

By Sir Geo B. Rodney Bart &c. &c. &c.

You are hereby req[d] and directed to Cause the Gunner of H. M. S. under your Command to supply the Gunner

of His Majesty's Ship Monarch with fifty half Barrels of Powder tak^{g} proper receipts for the same

Given under my hand &ca &ca 14th Ap^{l} 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captn Cotton
Alarm

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by the Triton

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &ca. &ca. &ca.

You are hereby required and directed to proceed with His Majesty's Fireship under my Command, and accompany the Convoy to Port Royal Jamaica.

Given &ca. &ca. &ca. 15th April 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captain Lucas Salamander
" Patterson Blast

By Sir George B. Rodney Bart: K B.
&ca &ca &ca

You are hereby required and directed to bear all such Supernumeraries as may from time be sent on board you, on a separate list, Victualling them as your Ships Company, except^{g} Prisoners, who are to be victualled at two thirds allowance of all Species

Given under my hand &ca: 15th April 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captn Douglas
of H. M. S. Glorieux

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &ca. &ca. &ca.

Whereas I have appointed Mr William Scott Boatswain of His Majesty's Ship Formidable in the Room of Mr Daniel Abrathat appointed to the Ville de Paris.

You are hereby required and directed to repair on board the said Ship, and there take a Strict and Carefull Survey of the Boatswains Stores remaining on board, delivering them into the Charge of the Succeeding Boatswain; Reporting to me your Proceedings therein.

Given &ca. &ca. &ca. at Sea, 16th April 1782

G. B. Rodney

To The Boatswains of His Majesty's Ships, Canada, Resolution, Hercules and Repulse or any three of them

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A Similar Order for a Survey on Carpenters Stores on board His Majesty's Ship Formidable, addressed to the Carpenters of His Majesty's Ships Namur, Prothée, St Albans and America or any three of them.

16th April 1782

A Similar Order for a Survey on Gunners Stores on board His Majesty's Ship Formidable, addressed to the Gunners of His Majesty's Ships Ajax, Magnificent and Agamemnon.

16th April 1782

An Order for Captain George Wm. Augustus Courtenay to act as Captain of the Anson 'till further Orders.

16th April 1782

An Order for Captain Alex^r John Ball to Act as Captain of the Ardent till further Orders.

16th April 1782

By Sir G B Rodney Bart: K B &ca: &ca: &ca:

You are hereby required and Directed to discharge from His Majesty's Ship under your Command into the

Formidable the Three Supernumeraries nam'd in the Margin.[1]

Given &c; &c: at Sea 17th Ap[l] 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captain Cotton of H: M: Ship Alarm

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by the Alert Sloop

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &ca. &ca. &ca.

In addition to your orders of the 14th Instant, by the Triton, a Copy of which I herein Enclose you.

You are hereby required and directed to Dispatch a Frigate or two to see the Trade of Barbadoes and St Lucia, to Antigua, and afterwards to accompany the Robust, and Convert, as far as the Lattitude of 22° North and then to return to Barbadoes and St Lucia, 'till further Orders.

Given &ca. &ca. &ca. 17 April 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captain Shirley
or The Commander Officer at Barbadoes and St Lucia

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by the Alert Sloop

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &ca. &ca. &ca.

You are hereby required and directed to take under your Command, His Majesty's Ship Convert, and proceed with the Trade of His Majesty's Islands, under your Protection for Great Britain, as soon as the same shall be ready, at any time during the Months of May or June,

[1] Jonas Serjeant, late Gunner, Stormont
Magnus Morrison, Gunner of the Oronoque
W[m] Brown Boatsw[n] of the Rodney

that shall best suit the Public Utility; taking Care to send any Frigates, or Vessels of War, that it may be judged necessary to attend the said Convoy in these Seas, back again, when you reach the Lattitude of 22° North.

Given &ca. &ca. &ca. 17 April 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captain Cosby
of His Majesty's Ship Robust

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &ca. &ca. &ca.

You are hereby required and directed to proceed immediately with His Majesty's Sloop under your Command to English Harbour, Antigua, and having delivered my Dispatches, as addressed, you are to proceed with those addressed to Barbadoes, and St Lucia, from whence you are to bring any Letters or Dispatches, that may have arrived, for me by the Packet or otherwise, and join me as expeditiously as possible at Jamaica.

Given &ca. &ca. &ca. 17th April 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captain Miller
Alert

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by the Alert Sloop

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &ca. &ca. &ca.

You are hereby required and directed to put yourself under my Command, and follow such orders and directions as you shall from time to time receive from me, for His Majesty's Service.

Given &ca. &ca. &ca. 17 April 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captain Shurley
Leander

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart: K. B. &c: &c: &c:

Whereas it may be expedient for His Majesty's Service to cause Supernumeraries of different denominations as well as Prisoners to be put on board his Majesty's Ship under your Command

You are hereby requir'd and directed to receive such as may be put on board the said Ship from Time to Time, Victualling the Supernumeraries as your Ships Company & Prisoners at two thirds allowance for which this shall be your Order.

Given &c: &c: &c 18 April 1782

G: B: Rodney

To Captain Grenville [*sic for* Grindall]
Of His Maj^s Ship St: Vincente

By Sir G: B: Rodney Bart: K B &c: &c: &c:

Whereas you have represented to me in consequence of my Order of the 1st April that the following Stores, Viz^t

Fore Sail	One
Fore Course	One
Main top gall^t Steering Sail	One
Fore top gall^t D^o	One
Studding Sail Booms	One
Studding Sail yards	Three
Spirits^l Topsail yard	One
Driver Yard	One
Spars Barling	One

were landed for the use of the Sick put on Shore at Pigeon Island from His Majestys Ship under your Command, which on Account of the sudden Sailing of the Fleet could not possibly be received on board, without leaving the Sick totally exposed; You are hereby required and di-

rected to cause the proper Officers to expend them accordingly.

Given &c: &c: &c: under my Hand on board His Majestys Ship Formidable at Sea 18 April 1782

G: B: Rodney

To Captain Barbor
Of H. M. Ship Fame

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &ca. &ca. &ca.

You are hereby required and directed to cause the Boatswain of His Majesty's Ship under your Command to deliver into the Charge of the Boatswain of the Alarm, all the Signal Colours remaining on board, except one suit of Colours, for the Ships Use: taking proper Receipts for the same.

Given &ca. &ca. &ca. at Sea 19th April 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captain Wilson
Eurydice

An Order for Captain George Wilson to act as Captain on board His Majesty's Ship Anson till further Orders.

19th April 1782

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &ca. &ca. &ca.

You are hereby required and directed to proceed with His Majesty's Ship under your Command, without one moments loss of time, with my Dispatches for the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, which you are to Land at the first Port you can make in Great Britain, and proceed with them yourself to their Lordships.

You are upon no Account whatever to Chace with His Majesty's Ship under your Command, but to Use your

utmost endeavour to make your Passage as short as possible.

Given &ca. &ca. &ca. 19th April 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captain Courtenay
Eurydice

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &ca. &ca. &ca.

You are hereby required and directed to discharge from His Majesty's Ship under your Command the Officers and twenty two Men of the Party of Marines, now serving on board, into His Majesty's Ship Formidable.

Given &ca. &ca. &ca. 20th April 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captain Courtenay
Eurydice

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &c &c &c

Whereas Captain Buckner has represented to me by Letter of this days date, that Lieutenant Kerch[ev]er Thompson of His Majesty's Ship Prothée, under his Command, is from his bad state of Health become Incapable of doing his duty as Lieutenant, requesting an Order for his being Surveyed.

You are hereby required and directed to repair on board the said Ship, and take a Strict and Impartial Survey on the Health of the said Lieutenant Kercher Thompson, reporting to me from under your Hands, your proceedings therein.

Given &ca. &ca. &ca. at Sea, 21st Ap[l] 1782

G. B. Rodney

To The Physician of the Fleet
and Surgeons of His Majesty's Ships Formidable, Canada and Ajax or any two of them

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart &c &c &c

You are hereby required and directed to repair on board His Majesty's Ship Prothée, and act as Master of her till further Orders.

Given &ca. &ca. &ca. 21st April 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Mr Anthony Burt
hereby appointed to Act as Master of
His Majesty's Ship Prothée

No. 1

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &ca. &ca. &ca.

Whereas in all probability a Part of the Enemy's Fleet may have sheltered themselves in Port Louis from Whence when refitted they may greatly annoy the Trade and Reinforcements bound to Jamaica.

And as I think it highly necessary for His Majesty's Service, that, that Port be well reconnoitred.

You are therefore hereby required and directed, to proceed with the Ships of your Division off the Isle Da Vache not only to protect the Trade bound to Jamaica from Europe, but likewise to prevent the junction of the French Ships of War with their Fleet at Cape Francois.

You are to Cause the Harbour of Port Louis, to be reconnoitered and if you think it necessary you will at times Anchor with the Squadron under your Command in the Road under Cape Tiberoon, or any other Road you may think more proper, it being of the greatest consequence that part of the Fleet under my Command shou'd keep to Windward to Watch the Motions of the Enemy, while the others are refitting.

Given &ca. &ca. &ca. off St Domingo
22d April 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Rear Adm[l] Sir Sam[l] Hood &ca. &ca. &ca.

No. 2

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &ca. &ca. &ca.

You are hereby required and directed to proceed with the Ships of your Division, and look into the Road of the City St Domingo, if you observe any of the Enemy's Ships in the said Road, and you are of opinion they can be attacked to advantage You will act as it will appear best to you for His Majesty's Service.

Shou'd you not find part of the Enemy's Fleet there, or an attack necessary, you will hasten to put in execution the Order marked No. 1, on which Station you will remain till joined by me or receiving further Orders.

Given &ca. &ca. &ca. off St Domingo
22d April 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Rear Adm[l] Sir Sam[l] Hood &ca. &ca. &ca.

The Full Title

Whereas I think it absolutely necessary that part of His Majesty's Fleet, under my Command, which are in a Condition to keep the Sea, not only to Watch the Motions of the Enemy, but likewise to cut off all Communication between the North and the South Side of St Domingo.

And whereas a considerable Number, of the Fleet, that were in the late Action, have received such damage as to render it necessary for them to go into Port, in order to be refitted.

You are therefore hereby required and directed, to order every Ship now in Port Royal or Kingston Harbour, and which are in a condition for immediate Service, to put to Sea without One Moments delay and join the Fleet, under my Command, off the Isle Da Vache or Cape Tiberoon.

You will likewise please to give directions that all dispatch possible be made in refitting the Fleet of His

Majesty's Ships, now in Port Royal Harbour, and that Pilots be sent to Windward to Conduct the Crippled Ships into Port, and that the Master Attendant, takes care that either Buoys or Boats be placed on the Shoals and Rocks at the entrance of that Harbour, to prevent Accidents, happening to His Majesty's Ships.

You are likewise hereby required and directed, not to permit the Convoy to Sail for Great Britain, 'till further Orders.

Given &ca. &ca. &ca. off the Island
off Altevela St Domingo 22d Ap[l] 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Sir Peter Parker &c &c &c

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &ca. &ca. &ca.

You are hereby required and directed to put yourself under the Command of Rear Admiral Sir Sam[l] Hood Bart. and follow his Orders for your Proceedings 'till further Orders.

Given &ca. &ca. &ca. 22d April 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Commodore Affleck &ca. &ca. &ca.

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &ca. &ca. &ca.

You are hereby required and directed to receive on board His Majesty's Ship under your Command, fifty Prisoners from the Jason a late Captured French Man of War and proceed with them and my Dispatches directly to Port Royal Bay Jamaica, where having delivered my dispatches as addressed and the Prisoners into the Care of the Commissary for Prisoners of War, You are with all the Expedition possible to join me off Cape Tiberoon.

Given &ca &ca &ca 22d April 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captain Cotton
Alarm

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. K. B.
Vice Admiral of Great Britain, Admiral of the White Squadron of His Majesty's Fleet, and Commander in Chief of all His Majesty's Ships & Vessels employed in the West Indies &ca. &ca. &ca.

You are hereby required and directed, to put yourself under my Command, and follow such Orders and directions, as you shall from time to time receive from me, for His Majesty's Service.

Given &ca. &ca. &ca. off the Island of Altevela St Domingo, 22d April 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Vice Adm[l] Sir Peter Parker
Rear Admiral Graves
Rear Admiral Rowley

The Full Title

Whereas it is of the utmost Importance that the Ships of His Majesty's Fleet, under my Command, who have receiv'd considerable Damage in the late Action, be repaired with every dispatch possible.

You are hereby required and directed, to Hire every Artificer you can possibly procure and that not one Moment may be lost in the Refitting of the Fleet, for which this shall be your Order.

Given &ca. &ca. &ca. off Hispaniola 23d April 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Mr Innis
Master Builder at Port Royal Jamaica

ORDERS

Whereas it is of the utmost consequence that the Fleet under my Command, should be refitted with every dispatch possible

I must desire you will be particularly attentive that every Officer under your Command, strictly comply's with the following Rules during our continuance in Port.

No Boat to be sent from your Ship but upon Duty.

No Boat (upon any Account) to be permitted to stay on Shore after Sun Set.

In case you give any Officer leave to go to Kingston, or on Shore upon his Private Business; to prevent Desertion, You are not to permit the Ships Boat to attend them, there being Passage Boats daily attending at Port Royal.

In case it may be necessary to send for Stores to Greenwich or your Carpenters to assist in making Masts, you are upon no Account whatever to suffer one Single Man to remain on Shore after Sun Set, at that unhealthy Place.

You are to give the strictest orders to all your Officers that they do not detain any Boat on Shore longer than is absolutely necessary.

No Boat to be sent upon duty for Stores or Water without a Commissioned Officer in her, who shall be responsible for the Men he takes with him.

Dated on board His Maj^{s} Ship
Formidable at Sea 24 Ap^{l} 1782

G. B. Rodney

By Sir G: B: Rodney Bart: K B &c: &c: &c:

You are hereby required and directed to discharge the Seventeen Men nam'd in the Margin [1] from His Majestys Ship under your Command into the Alfred.

Given under my hand on board H. M. Ship
Formidable at Sea 24th April 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captain Wilson,
of His Majesty's Ship Fame

[1] Tho: Bishop, Cha: Hop, Ben: Chapman, Rob: Barbor, Jno Colewright, Wm. Hopkinson, Hen: H: Beecher,

The Full Title

Whereas Captain Truscott, of His Majesty's Ship Nonsuch, has represented to me by Letter, of the 18th of April 1782, that Mr Thomas Hitchcock, second Lieutenant of the said Ship, has at different Times, behaved with Contempt, to his Orders, and Neglected his Duty in not keeping the Ship in her Station, particularly on the Nights of the 15th and 16th of April; and has also been Guilty of other Misdemeanors, which are more fully set forth in the Letter, which I here Inclose You.

You are hereby required and directed to Assemble a Court Martial, and try the said Lieutenant Thomas Hitchcock, for the Offences set forth in the above Letter, (as soon as His Majesty's Service will admit) reporting to me the Sentence, and Proceedings of the said Court accordingly.

Given &ca. &ca. &ca. at Sea, 25th Ap[l] 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Sir Sam[l] Hood Bart. &ca &ca &ca

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &c &c &c
The Full Title

Whereas Captain Taylor Penny of His Majesty's Ship Marlborough, has transmitted me a Letter he receiv'd from Mr Geo: Tripp, His first Lieutenant, setting forth that Mr John Gardiner 2d Lieutenant of the said Ship, has aspersed his Character, accusing him of Behaving in a Cowardly manner, in the Action on the 12th of April 1782, with the French Fleet, which Letter and Captain Taylor Penny's, I here Inclose.

You are hereby required and directed to Assemble a Court Martial, and enquire into the Conduct and Be-

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Ab[m] Stokes, Tho: Child, Geo: Haynes, John Maynes, Wm: Polder, Jas: Starchan, Evan Pollard, Wm: Dean, Wm. Bright, Jas: Copperthwaite

haviour of the said Lieutenant George Tripp, on the Action 12th of this Month with the French Fleet (as soon as His Majesty's Service will admit) reporting to me the Sentence and Proceedings of the said Court accordingly.

Given &ca. &ca. &ca. at Sea, 25th April 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Sir Samuel Hood Bart. &ca &ca &ca

An Order for Lieut: Longcraft of the Formidable to act as Captain of His Majesty's Ship Anson, 'till further Orders. dated 25th April 1782

By Sr G. B. Rodney Bart: &c: &c: &c:

You are hereby required and directed to Order the Gunner of His Majesty's Ship under your Command, to supply the Gunner of the Valiant with 100 Barrels of Powder taking proper Receipt for the same, with a proportion of Shot.

Given &ca: &ca: &ca: at Sea 26 April 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captn Gardner, of Duke

A Similar Order to Captn Williams, Prince George, to supply the Monarch with 100 Barrels Powder.

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart: K B. &c: &c: &c:

You are hereby required and directed to receive from His Majesty's Ship Duke 100 Barrels of Powder taking care proper Receipts are given for the same.

Given &c: &c: &c: at Sea 26 April 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captain Goodall
Valiant

A Similar Order to Captain Reynolds of the Monarch to receive 100 Barrels of Powder from the Prince George.

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart: K B &c: &c: &c:

You are hereby requir'd and directed to discharge from His Maj^{s} Ship under your Command into the Barfleur the Four Petty Officers named in the Margin.[1]

Given &c: &c: &c: on board his Maj^{s} Ship Formidable at Sea 27 April 1782.

G. B. Rodney

To Captain Barbor
of His Maj^{s} Ship Alfred

By Sir G B Rodney Bart: K B. &c: &c: &c:

You are hereby requir'd & directed to proceed to Sea immediately with His Maj^{s} Ship under your Command & join Sir Samuel Hood agreable to the enclosed Rendezvous.

1782 Port Royal Harb^{r} 28 Ap^{l}
Given &c: &c: &c:

G. B. Rodney

To Cap^{ns} Ford La Nymph
Smith Endymion
Acteon
Ulysses
Licorne

Cancelled

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart: K B &c: &c: &c:

You are hereby required & directed to put yourself under my Command and follow such Orders and Direc-

[1] Tho: Wilson, James Pert, Mich^{l} Brown, Jos: Hoy

tions as you shall from time to time receive from Me for His Majesty's Service

Given under my hand &c: &c: &c:
off Port Royal Jamaica 28th April 1782

G. B. Rodney

Cancelled
To Captn Spry, Ulysses
Parry, Actæon
Cadogan, Licorne

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart: K. B. &c: &c: &c:

You are hereby required and directed to return with His Majesty's Ship London, the Zebra and Duc D'Estissac Sloops to Port Royal Harbour, after delivering the enclosed Orders to the Captains of the Ships nam'd in the Margin.[1]

Given &c: &c: &c: Off Port Royal,
Jamaica 29th April 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Rear Admiral Graves, &c: &c: &c:

Cancell'd

By Sir G. B. Rodney &c: &c: &ca:

Whereas it is necessary that the great Number of French Officers and others, Prisoners of that Nation now on board His Maj^s Fleet under my Command should be removed as fast as Possible

You are hereby required and directed to prepare the Dutton Ordnance Store Ship under your Command for their Reception with all Expedition.

Given &c: &c: &c: Port Royal
Cancell'd Jamaica 30th April 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Lt: Scott
of H. M. Ordnance Store Ship Dalton [*sic*]

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[1] Ulysses, Actæon, E[n]dymion, Licorne

By Sir G B Rodney Bart: K B &c: &c: &c:
The Full Title

Whereas Vessels are absolutely wanted at this present Emergency, to Water His Maj^s Fleet under my Command with the greatest expedition.

You are hereby requir'd and directed to purchase or Hire Two proper Vessels for that purpose of the Burthen from Thirty to Sixty Tons on the best and cheapest Rate possible for Government.

Given &c: &c: &c: Port Royal, Jamaica
30th April 1782

G: B: Rodney

To Mr: Allen
Naval Store Keeper
Port Royal, Jamaica

By Sir G: B: Rodney Bart: K B &c: &c: &c:

Captain Thompson having represented to me by Letter of this day that the Bowsprit of His Maj^s Ship Alcide under his Command is sprung; likewise the Main Mast is badly sprung and much wounded & unfit for Service, requesting I would Order a Survey thereon.

You are hereby requir'd and directed to repair on board the said Ship and take a strict and careful Survey on the Bowspreet & Main Mast complain'd of, Reporting to me an account of your Proceedings.

Given under my hand &c: &c: &c:
In Port Royal Harbour 30th April 1782

G. B. Rodney

To The Carpenters of H. M. Ships Duke
Royal Oak
Princess Caroline
Invincible &
Shrewsbury
(or any 3 of Them)

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart: K B. &c: &c: &c:

Captain Thompson having represented to me by letter of this day that the Sails and Rigging mentioned underneath belonging to H. M. Ship Alcide under his Command is much cut with Shot, Viz^t

One main Course
One " Topsail
One Mizen Course
Main Shrouds
" Stay & spring Stay
" Topmast Shrouds
" " Stay
" " Spring Stay
" " Back Stays
Fore Shrouds
" Topmast Shrouds
" " Back stays
Mizen Shrouds
" Stay
" Staysail Stay
" Topmast Shrouds
" " Back Stays
" Top gall^t Shrouds
" " Back Stays
And sundry other Running Rigging

Therefore requested I would order a survey thereon. You are hereby requir'd & directed to repair on board the said Ship & take a strict & careful Survey on the Sails & Rigging complain'd of, reporting to me an account of your Proceedings.

Given &c: &c: &c: In Port Royal Harb^r
30 Ap^l 1782

G. B. Rodney

To The Masters of H. M. Ships Invincible, Intrepid, Shrewsbury, Pri^ss Caroline, & Duke, (or any 3 of them)

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. K B &c: &c: &c:

Whereas Captain Rodney of His Majesty's Ship Sybil has represented to me that the said Ship is in great distress for want of a Boat.

You are hereby requir'd and directed to purchase One on the Best and cheapest terms possible.

Given &c: &c: &c: Port Royal
Jamaica 30 Ap[l] 1782

G. B. Rodney

To [blank] Allen Esq[r]
Naval Store Keeper
Port Royal, Jamaica

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart: K B &c: &c: &c:

An order given to the Boatswains of His Majesty's Ships, as p[r] Margin [1] to survey the Boatswains Stores of His M. Ship, Royal Oak, Mr: Wm: Allen, being appointed Boatswain, in room of the former Slain in Action.

G: B: Rodney 30th Ap[l] 1782

To The Boatswains of H. M. Ships Pr[ss] Caroline
Hercules
Ramillies
Pallas
& Fox

An Order to the Gunners of His M. Ships, as p[r] Margin [2] to survey the Gunners Stores of H. M. Ship Duke, Mr. Wm. Poe being appointed Gunner of said Ship in room of Will[m] Ireland appointed to H. M. Ship Formidable.

30th April 1782

[1] Pr[ss] Caroline, Hercules, Ramillies, Pallas & Fox

[2] Invincible, Shrewsbury, Intrepid & Lowestoffe or any three of Them

HARBOUR NIGHT PAROLE FOR BOATS

Flags Where Hoisted: Fore Top gallant Mast Head	Parole
Half Red ½ White	Northumberland
Half White ½ Red	Cathcart
Half Red ½ Yellow	Thistlethwayte
Half Yellow ½ Red	Cumberland
Half Blue ½ Yellow	Marlborough
Half Yell^{w} ½ Blue	Weymouth
Half White ½ Blue	Hinchinbrooke

Formidable Port Royal Harbour
30 April 1782

A LIST OF HIS MAJESTYS SHIPS AND VESSELS AT AND ABOUT JAMAICA

Ships	Commanders	Guns	
Sandwich	Vice Adm^{l} Sir Peter Parker John Cowling	90	In Port Royal Harbour intended to proceed with the next Convoy to Europe
Ramillies	Rear Adm^{l} Rowley Syl: Moriarty	74	
Intrepid	Ant: J. Pye Molloy	64	
Diamond	Christoph^{r} Parker	32	
Pomona	Charles Edm^{d} Nugent	28	
Lowestoffe	Hon: Thos: Windsor	32	
London	Rear Adm^{l} Graves James Kempthorne	98	at Sea under the direction of Rear Admiral Graves with orders to join Admiral Rodney
Licorne	Honble Thos: Cadogan	32	
Actæon	Francis Parry	44	
Ulysses	Thomas Spry	44	
Endymion	E. T. Smith	44	
Zebra	John Bourchier	16	
Duc D'Estissac	Peter Rivett	16	
Hydra	Charles Hotchkys	20	Were to sail 22nd Inst: from Montego Bay & to call off the different Ports, to collect the Trade and conduct them to this Port.
Unicorn	Benj: Archer	20	
Du Guay Trouin	Benjamin Hulke	16	
Childers	David Mackay	14	
Victor	Francis Fayerman	16	
Jackall	Lieut. Gustavus Logie	12	Armed Vessel, Sent Express to Sr Geo: Rodney
Jamaica	Manly Dixon	16	

Ships	Commanders	Guns	
Port Morant	Lieut. Sanford Jepson	8	Armed Vessel, Cruizing of[f] Savanna La Mar
Royal Oak	Thomas Burnett	74	In Port Royal Harbour
Invincible	Charles Saxton	74	
Alcide	Charles Thompson	74	
Southampton	William Affleck	32	
Princess Caroline	Hugh Bromedge	44	
Alarm	Charles Cotton	32	
Pallas	John Thomas	36	
Centaur	John Inglefield	74	
Shrewsbury	Thomas West	74	
Resource	Bart^w Sam: Rowley	28	
Nestor	James Mc Namara	20	
Fox	George Stoney	32	
Porcupine	John Aylmer	14	
Badger	Safray Hill	14	
Tobago	George Martin	18	
Vaughan	David Stow	14	
Endeavour	Lieut: John Perkins	14	
Lion	Lieut: Jere^h Dawkins	10	
Post Boy	Lieut: John Poingdister	6	
Spanish Packett	Lieut: John Neville	2	
Port Antonio	Lt. William Hird	14	
Salamander	Richard Lucas	4	
Volcano	John Markham		Fire Ships
Surprize	Francis Pitmore		

This Account delivered by Sr Peter Parker on our arrival in Port Royal Harbour Jamaica
on the 30th Ap^l 1782

By Sir George Bridges Rodney Bart. &ca &ca &ca

You are hereby required and directed to cause the Carpenter of His Majesty's Ship under your Command [to] supply the Carpenter of H. M. Ship Centaur with One 8 Oared Pinnace taking proper Receipts for the same.

Given under my hand &ca 30th April 1782

G B Rodney

To Captn Cotton
of His Majestys Ship Alarm

An Order for a Survey on the Powder and Gunners Stores of His Maj^{s} Ship Prince George, directed to the Gunners of His Majesty's Ships as Pr Margin.[1]

Also for a Survey on Rigging & Sails directed to the Masters

May 1st 1782

An Order to discharge the Two Men as per Margin [2] from the Formidable into the Sybil

1st May 1782

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. K B &c: &c: &c:

You are hereby requir'd and directed not to discharge any man from the Books or Supernumerary List of His Majestys Ship under your Command, without a particular Order from Me for so doing, as you will answer the Contrary.

Given &c: &c: &c Formidable in Port Royal Harb^{r} Jamaica 1st May 1782

G. B. Rodney

To The Captains of His M: Ships as Per Margin [3]

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart: K B &c: &c: &c:

Whereas I have ordered Tents to be erected in the Prison yard for the Prisoners in His Maj^{s} Fleet

You are Hereby requir'd and directed to supply the Agent for Prisoners of war with what Spars & unservice-

[1] Intrepid, Shrewsbury, Invincible and Ramilies (or any 3 of them)

[2] Jas: Holmes Cunningham, Thomas Heany

[3] Sandwich, Ramillies, Lowestoffe, Pomona

able Sails may be wanted for that Purpose taking proper Receipts for the Same

Given &c: &c: &c: in Port Royal Harbour
Jamaica 1st May 1782

For the Admiral
CHS DOUGLAS

To Lewis Robt Allen Esqr
Naval Store Keeper Jamaica

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart: K B. &c: &c: &c:

Whereas it is necessary to remove the Prisoners of War now on board His Majesys Ships in this Harbour, and the Prison appropriated for that Purpose is incapable of containing them.

You are hereby requir'd and directed to erect Tents, within the yard of the said Prison capable of answering that purpose, which you are to get finish'd with all the expedition possible.

Given &c: &c: &c: in Port Royal Harbour
Jamaica 1st May 1782

G. B. RODNEY

To Thos: Neville Esqr
Agent for Prisoners of War Jamaica

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart: K B. &c: &c: &c:

Whereas I have given orders to Lieut: Walbeoff Agent for Transports for the Purpose of conveying French Prisoners to France.

You are hereby required and directed to furnish such Transports, with Water Cask, Provisions, and such other Necessaries, as may be requisite for their support during their Voyage, on the Best, and most reasonable Terms the same can be procured for Government.

Given &c: &c: &c in Port Royal Harbour
1st May 1782

G. B. RODNEY

To Thos: Neville Esqr
Agent for Prisoners of War Jamaica

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart: K B &c: &c: &c

Whereas there are several French Officers now on this Island on their Parole whom I think it necessary to send to Old France.

You are hereby required and directed to prepare Three of the Transports under your Charge, to proceed with them accordingly, seeing the same properly supplied with Water, the Agent for Prisoners having my Orders to furnish them with Cask, and other Necessaries for that purpose.

Given &c: &c: &c In Port Royal Harbour
Jamaica 1st May 1782 G. B. Rodney

To Lieut: Walbeoff
Agent for Transports

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. K B &c: &c: &c:

You are hereby required and directed to put yourself under my Command and follow such Orders and Directions as you shall from time to time receive from me for His Majestys Service

Given &c: &c: &c: In Port Royal Harbour
Jamaica 1st May 1782 G. B. Rodney

To The Captains of His Majesty's Ships as Pr Margin [1]

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart: K B
Admiral of the White and Commander
in Chief &c: &c: &c:

Whereas I have given Orders to Lieut: Walbeoff Agent for Transports for the purpose of conveying French Prisoners to France.

[1] Sandwich, London, Ramillies, Actæon, Ulysses, Licorne, Pallas, Lowestoffe, Fox, Resource, Diamond, Pomona, Hydra, Nestor, Badger, Du Guay Trouin, Tobago, Martin, Porcupine

You are hereby required and directed to furnish such Transports with Water Cask, and to subsist them during a Voyage computed at Three Months, on Terms not exceeding those, which the Sick and Hurt Board at present allow to Officers and Common Men on Shore in this Island.

Given &c: &c: &c In Port Royal Harbour
Jamaica 1st May 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Thomas Neville Esqr
Agent for Prisoners of War
Jamaica

By Sir Geo: Bridges Rodney Bart: K B
Admiral of the White and Commander in
Chief &c: &c: &c:

Whereas it has been represented to me by the Physician to the Fleet that the Surgeons of the Squadron under my Command have been put to an extraordinary expence on account of the numbers wounded in the late Action who have been kept on board of their Ships for want of accommodation at the Hospital.

You are hereby required and directed to purchase Five Hundred Pound of Peruvian Bark of the best quality to be distributed among the Ships of the said Squadron, according to their respective necessities of which the Physician to the Fleet is to be judge.

Given &c: &c: &c: on board his Maj^s
Ship Formidable in Port Royal Harbour
Jamaica 1st May 1782

G: B: Rodney

To Mr: John Faber
Surgeon of His Maj^s Ship Formidable

By Sir George Bridges Rodney Bart: &c &c &c

Whereas it is necessary for the greater dispatch of Refitting His Majestys Fleet under my Command, from

the Damages they have sustained in the late Action with the French Fleet, that a proper Person should be appointed to act as Builders assistant during the Fleets continuing here;

You are hereby required and directed to act as Builders assistant accordingly, and follow what Orders & Directions you may receive from the builder here, for His Majestys Service, & in consideration of which you are to be paid the usual allowance in those Cases.

Given &ca &ca 1st May 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Mr John Webb
hereby appointed to act as Builders Assistant 'till further Orders.

Mem: A like Order has been given to Mr John Bickerson dated 23d April 1782

By Sir Geo: B. Rodney Bart: K B
Admiral of the White and Commander in Chief &c: &c: &c:

Whereas it has been represented to me by the Physician to the Fleet that in consequence of the late engagement with the Enemy, there are a great number of Sick and wounded men on board of their Ships for whom there is no room in the Hospital, and who suffer extremely from the want of Refreshments.

You are hereby requir'd and directed to purchase such Refreshments as can be furnished on Shore at this Island in order that the Sick of his Majesty's Fleet may be supplied with the same, according to their respective wants, and you are to be guided therein by the Sick List of the Surgeon of each Ship which is to be transmitted to you as a Demand, and with regard to the quantity and Species of such Articles, you are to be subject to the directions of the Physician to the Fleet.

You are to procure receipts of the quantity of each Article supplied from an Officer of each Ship who has my Orders to grant such Receipt. And you are also to procure Certificates of the Market Price of the several articles from some respectable Merch^t^ or Inhabitant of the Place, that they have been charg'd at the Market Price.

To enable you to perform this urgent and necessary piece of service, You are to draw Bills on His Majestys Commissioners of Sick and Wounded Seamen For Fifteen Hundred Pounds Sterling, approved by me, and you are to pay yourself at the rate of Ten Shillings p^r^ Day for your Trouble in this Service.

Given &c: &c: &c: on board His M^s^ Ship
Formidable in Port Royal Harbour Jamaica
1st May 1782

G: B: Rodney

To Mr: John Faber
Surgeon of H. M. Ship Formidable

By Sir Geo: Rodney Bart. &c &c &c

Whereas you have represented to me by Letter of this date that the business of your Office cannot be carried on with the Ordinary Establishment of Clerks, on account of the great increase, in number of His Majestys Ships now here, the many stores they will want to be supplied with, in their present Condition, and the Haste with which it is necessary they should be refitted.

You are therefore hereby authorized and directed to enter so many extra Clerks as the urgency of the service may require, on the best Terms, you can procure them, taking care to discharge them as soon as ever that shall cease.

Given under my hand &c &c 1st of May 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Lewis R. Allen Esqr
Naval Storekeeper
Jamaica

An Order to the Gunners of His Majesty's Ships as Per Margin [1] to take a Survey on the Powder and Gunners Stores of His Majesty's Ship Fame Captn Wilson, Comm^{r}

dated 2nd May 1782

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart: K B &c: &c: &c:

You are hereby required and directed to provide a quantity of Fresh Provisions for the Transports which are to receive the French Officers and Men—particularly a considerable quantity on board the Ship which Count de Grasse embarks on board of, for Great Britain of which you will have timely notice.

Given &c: &c: &c: in Port Royal Harbour Jamaica 2nd May 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Thomas Neville Esqr
Agent for Prisoners of War, Jamaica

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart: K. B. &c: &c: &c:

Whereas it has been represented to me by the Physi[ci]an to the Fleet that part of the Squadron under my Command being under the necessity of keeping the Sea with their Sick and wounded on board, & that they are in want of necessary Refreshments.

You are hereby requir'd and directed to purchase for the use of the said Squadron the following Articles—Viz^{t} of good and sound Wine, Forty Pipes, of brown Sugar Twenty Thousand Pounds, of Coffee Five Thousand Pounds.

You are to produce proper Vouchers for the purchase and delivery of the same, and to draw Bills on the Com-

[1] Prince George, Fox, Alcide, Pallas

missioners of Sick and wounded Seamen for the Amount thereof.

Given &c: &c: &c: In Port Royal Harbour
Jamaica 2nd May 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Thomas Weir Esqr

The Full Title

Whereas it is of the utmost importance that the Ships of His Majestys Fleet under my Command who have received considerable damage in the late Action be repaired with every dispatch possible

You are hereby required and directed to hire every Artificer you can possibly procure and that not one moment may be lost in the Refitting of the Fleet: for which this shall be your Order

Given &c: &c: &c In Port Royal Harbour
Jamaica 2nd May 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Lewis Rob: Allen Esqr
Naval Store Keeper Jamaica

Cancelled

An order to the Boatswain of the Prince George, to deliver into the charge of the Boatswain of the London all the Signal Colours remaining on board, except one Suit of Colours for the Ships Use taking proper Receipts for the same. Dated 2nd May 1782

Cancelled

An order for Captn Windsor, of H. M. Ship, Lowestoffe to discharge Mr Thomas Oldfield into the Formidable

2nd May 1782

An Order for Alexander Moffett to act as Boatswain of his Majesty's Ship Duke 'till the proper Boatswain joins Her, or further Orders. dated 2nd May, 1782

The full Title

Captain Sir James Wallace of His M. Ship Warrior, having by Letter dated the 29th April 1782, represented to Me that Lieut: Augustus Market of the said Ship has not carried on the Duty thereof with Alacrity as he ought, but has frequently disputed with his superior Officer, particularly on the 9th of that month, when the Fleet was under weigh to pursue the French, He refused to go forward to see the Head Sails trim'd 'tho ordered, as is more particularly set forth in the said Letter which is here Inclosed.

You are hereby required and directed, to assemble a Court Martial as soon as conveniently may be, and try the said Lieutenant Augustus Market on the charge contain'd in the Letter before mentioned, reporting to Me the sentence and Proceedings of the Court Martial accordingly

Given under my hand &c: &c 2nd May 1782

G. B. Rodney

[Unaddressed]

By Sir George Bridges Rodney Bart: &c &c &c

You are hereby required and directed to call before you the Midshipmen named in the Margin [1] belonging to His Majesty's Fleet under my Command, and examine them touching their qualifications, to serve in His Majestys Navy as Lieutenants, and to report to me by Certificate under your hands accordingly.

Given under my hand on board His M. S.
Formidable 2d May, 82

G. B. Rodney

[Unaddressed]

By Sir George B. Rodney Bart: K. B. &c &c &c

Whereas Vessels are very much wanted for the Purpose of bringing Water from Rock Fort for the numerous

[1] The names were not copied into the Order-Book.

Ships under my Command at Port Royal, and I have agreed the Prize Schooner called the Emma—being a proper vessel for that purpose and fit to be immediately employed therein, at the sum of 300 Currency.

You are hereby required and directed to pay Mr. Thomas Weir Agent for the said Vessel, the sum of 300 Currency accordingly draw^s on His Majestys Navy board and procuring regular Vouchers for the same.

Given under my hand 2d May 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Lewis Robt: Allen Esqr
Naval Storekeeper
Jamaica

By Sir Geo: B. Rodney Bart. K. B. &c &c &c

Whereas you have represented to me by Letter of this date, the impossibility of supplying the great number of His Majestys Ships, now in this Harbour with Ordnance Stores without additional Craft being tried to transport the same and being convinced the same is necessary.

You are therefore hereby authorized and directed to hire such craft as shall be necessary for the above purpose & employ the same so long as the service shall absolutely require it taking care the same is done in the best terms possible to Government.

Given under my hand on board H. M. S.
Formidable 2d May 82

G. B. Rodney

To Robt: Benton Esqr
Ordn^ce Storekeeper
Jamaica

An Order to the Masters of His Majestys Ships, as per Margin [1] to take a survey on the Sails and Rigging of His M: Ship Ajax, Captain Charrington. Dated 3rd May 1782

[1] Diamond, Fox, Resource, Pallas (or any 3 of them)

An order for a Survey on the Sails, & Rigging of H. M. Ship Duke, Captain Gardner, directed to the Masters of His Majestys Ships as p^r Margin [1] dated 3rd May 1782

An Order for a Survey on Cables, Cablets, and Rigging on board His Majestys Ship Invincible, Captain Saxton directed to the Masters of H. M. Ships as p^r Margin [2] dated 3rd May 1782

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart: K B. &c: &c: &c

You are hereby required and directed to order the Carpenter of H. M. Ship under your Command to supply the Carpenter of H. M. Ship Centaur, with an Eight Oar'd Pinnace taking proper Receipts for the same.

Given &c: &c: &c: In Port Royal Harbour
Jamaica 3rd May 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captain Cotton
of His M. Ship Alarm

A similar Order directed to Captain Cotton, to order his Gunner to supply the Gunner of the Monarch with Fifty Barrels of Powder, taking care to procure proper Receipts for the same.

By Sir G. B. Rodney &c: &c: &c

Captain Mackey having represented to me by Letter of this days date, that there is on board His Majesty's Sloop Childers under his Command, a Stream Cable,

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[1] Intrepid, Lowestoffe, Invincible, & Shrewsbury or any three of them

[2] Diamond, Shrewsbury, Ajax and Intrepid or any 3 of them

Three Hawsers, a quantity of standing and running Rigging & some Sails, all very much decayed.

You are therefore hereby required and directed to repair on board, and take a strict and careful Survey on the Stores complained of, reporting to me under your hands your proceedings thereon

Given &c: &c: &c Port Royal Harbour
Jamaica 3rd May 1782

G. B. Rodney

To the Masters of His Majestys Ships as p^r Margin [1]

By Sir G: B: Rodney &c &c: &c:

You are hereby required and directed to cause the Purser of H. M. Ship under your Command to supply the Purser of the Invincible with a Fortnights Butter, and Pease, taking proper Receipts for the same.

Dated Port Royal Harb^r Jamaica
4th May 1782

for the Admiral

C. Douglass

To Captain Burnet
of H. M. Ship Royal Oak

Protection granted to the Merchant Ship, Major, Thos: Harrison Master, of 24 Guns and 40 Men, Richard Wall Esqr Owner, as also to the Merchant Ship Charles, Willm Graham, Master, 28 Guns and 40 Men Richard Wall Esqr Owner.

In Port Royal Harbour Dated 4th May 1782

G. B. Rodney

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[1] Shrewsbury, Intrepid, Royal Oak, Alcide, Ajax (or any three of them)

An Order addressed to the Masters of H. M. Ships as p^r Margin [1] to take a Survey on the Boatswains Stores of His M. Ship Fortunee, Captn Christian.

Dated 4th May 1782

G. B. Rodney

To the masters of His Majestys Ships as p^r Margin [1]

By Sir G. B. Rodney &c: &c: &c: &c:

Whereas Seamen are much wanted to compleat the Complements of His Majestys Ships under my Command, and as they must be essentially necessary to keep up those now in the West Indies

You are hereby requir'd and directed (after having completed you[r] own Complement) to bear all such Seamen as you shall be able to raise for His Majestys Service, on a Supernumerary List for Wages, and Victuals, taking care particularly to specify all such in your Weekly Account.

Given &c: &c: &c: In Port Royal Harbour
Jamaica 4th May 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captain Smith
Of His Majestys Ship Endymion

An Order for a Survey on the Powder, of the Warrior Sr James Wallace, directed to the Gunners as p^r Margin [2] dated 5th May 1782

By Sir G. B. Rodney &c: &c: &c:

You are hereby requir'd and directed to receive on board His Majestys Packett under your Command Cap-

[1] Endymion, Intrepid, Royal Oak, Alcide, Ajax (or any Three of them)

[2] Royal Oak, Fame, Invincible

tain Thomas Burnett of His Majesty's Ship Royal Oak, who is charged with my Publick Dispatches and to land him at the first convenient Port you shall be able to make in England, in Order to his proceeding from thence to the Admiralty therewith as expeditiously as possible.

Given &c: &c: &c: In Port Royal Harbour
Jamaica May 5. 1782

G B Rodney

To Capt[a] [blank]
of H. M. Packett [*Swallow*]

You are hereby requir'd and directed to take Charge of the Publick dispatches accompanying this Order, & proceed therewith in the Swallow Packett to England, where you are to land at the first convenient Port & proceed therewith as expeditiously as possible from thence to the Admiralty as addressed.

Given &c: &c: &c: 5th May

G. B. Rodney

To Captain Thos: Burnett

By Sir G. B. Rodney &c: &c: &c

You are hereby required and directed to put yourself under the Command of Rear Admiral Graves and follow his Orders for your further Proceedings.

Given &c: &c: &c: In Port Royal Harbour
Jamaica 5 May 1782

G. B. Rodney

To The Captains of H. M. Ships Ramillies
Endymion
Princess Carolina
Southampton
Fox
Childers
Hydra
Pomona, and
Jamaica

By Sir George Bridges Rodney Bart:
K B. &c: &c: &c:

Whereas it is of the greatest consequence to His Majesty's and the Publick Service, that the Ships now in Port should be refitted with every Dispatch possible, in Order to their joining the Fleet now Cruizing on the Coast of St: Domingo to the Command of which you will be appointed during my absence.

You are therefore hereby required and directed to hoist your Flag on board the London, and take under your Command the Ships named in the Margin,[1] and all such others as I may think it necessary from time to time to add to their Force: You are to hasten their Equipment with all possible dispatch acquainting me when they are ready to proceed to Sea, and taking care that their Stores and Provisions of all Specie to Four Months be kept complete.

Given &c: &c: &c: In Port Royal Harbour
Jamaica 5th May 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Rear Admiral Rowley &c: &c: &c:

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart: K B &c: &c: &c:

Whereas I think it absolutely necessary for His Majestys Service that you do take upon you the command of a Squadron destined on a particular Service

You are therefore hereby requir'd and directed to hoist your Flag on board the Ramillies or any other Ship of your Squadron, and take under your Command the Ships named in the Margin [2] and all other Ships as I may from Time to Time think it necessary to add to your Force.

[1] London, Roy[1] Oak, Alcide, Centaur, Hercules, Duke, Prince George, Resource

[2] Ramillies, Endymion, Princess Caroline, Southampton, Fox, Childers, Hydra, Pomona, Jamaica

You are to hasten their equipment with every dispatch possible, acquainting me when your Squadron is ready for Sea, that you may receive your final Orders, taking care to give directions, that Pilots may be procured perfectly acquainted with the North Coast of this Island and the South Coast of Cuba.

Given &c: &c: &c: In Port Royal Harbour
Jamaica 5th May 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Rear Adm[l] Graves &c: &c: &c:

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart: K B &c: &c: &c:

You are hereby required and directed to proceed with His Majestys Sloop under your Command immediately to New York and deliver my dispatches to Rear Admiral Digby Commander in Chief of His Majes[ys] Ships and Vessels in North America.

You are upon no account whatever to Chace with His Majestys Sloop under your Command but to use your utmost endeavours to make your passage as short as Possible.

Given &c: &c: &c In Port Royal Harbour
Jamaica 5th May 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captain Smith,
of His Majestys Sloop Fury

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart: K B &c: &c: &c:

You are hereby required and directed to proceed with His Majestys Ship under your Command to join the Fleet under the Command of Rear Admiral Sir Samuel Hood agreable to the inclosed Rendezvous.

You are to deliver my dispatches to Rear Admiral Sir

Samuel Hood and follow his Orders for your further Proceedings.

Given &c: &c: &c: In Port Royal Harbour Jamaica 5 May 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captain Cotton
Of His Majesty's Ship Alarm

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart: K B &c: &c: &c:

You are hereby required and directed to proceed with his Majestys Ship under your Command, without one moments loss of Time, with my dispatches for the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, which you are to land at the first Port you can make in Great Britain, and proceed with Them Yourself to their Lordships.

You are upon no account whatever to Chace with His Majestys Ship under your Command but to Use your utmost endeavour to make your passage as Short as Possible.

Given under my hand &c: &c: &c In Port Royal Harbour Jamaica 5th May 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captain [blank]
of His Majestys Sloop Ceres

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart: K B &c: &c: &c:

Whereas His Majestys Sloop Badger is sunk and rendered totally unfit for any further service

You are hereby required and directed to cause her to be put out of Commission and to notify to Her Officers that they return their respective Stores to the proper Offices in His Majesty's Yard and to hold themselves in readiness to repair on board such Ships as I may appoint or to embark for England.

Given &c: &c: &c: on board his Majestys' Ship Formidable in Port Royal Harbour Jamaica 5th May 1782

G. B. Rodney

Lewis Robt Allen Esqr
Naval Store Keeper Jamaica

By Sir George Bridges Rodney Bart. K B
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Whereas it is of the highest importance to his Majestys Service that every means towards the preservation of the Healths of the Seamen and others serving on board His Majestys Ships and Vessels under my command, should at this Juncture be granted in the most ample manner, And whereas the sick cannot be all accomodated in the Hospitals at this place, and there are many, who from wounds received in the late action with the Enemy, and others from the Scurvy and the Maladies brought on by constant Hard service, that stand in need of Food of the freshest and most nutritative kind, in order to recover them out of their deplorable state. And the Physician to the Fleet having recommended, that Fresh Beef with the Assistance of vegetables and other necessaries may, if possible be procured for them, to be served out daily, at the discretion of the Surgeons of the respective ships, which not being to be done by the Contractor for fresh beef at this port, he having refused to undertake the same.

You are therefore hereby authorized required & directed to proceed on shore and purchase at the Market price such quantities of Fresh Beef as may be sufficient to answer the purpose aforesaid, which must be delivered on board His Majestys Ships at Port Royal, or elsewhere within the limits of this Port daily, and for which their Pursers will be directed to give you receipts, and in Order to enable you to perform this with regularity, & to prevent the many bad consequences of Boats Crews from the fleet being sent a shore on this service; you are also hereby empowered to Hire a boat or Boats to convey the beef on board, not exceeding the expence of One Guinea ℔ Diem.

For the amount of all which you are to draw bills, payable at thirty days sight, on the Commissioners of His Majestys victualling, taking care to procure a regular account of your disbursements with the Pursers, or their

Stewards receipts as aforesaid, to serve as vouchers to clear the imprest that will be standing against you for the same.

Given under my hand on board H. M. S. Formidable in Port Royal Harbour Jamaica 5th May 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Mr. Willm Cock
hereby appointed to Purchase fresh Beef for the sick and wounded of His M's fleet at Jamaica

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An Order to Captn Windsor of the Lowestoffe to discharge Mr. Morgan Surgeons 2d Mate from the books of said ship into his M. S. Formidable. Dated 6th May 82.

By Sir George Bridges Rodney Bart: K B Vice Admiral of Great Britain, Admiral of the White Squadron of His Maj^s Fleet and Commander in Chief of all His Maj^s Ships and Vessels employed in the West Indies &c: &c: &c:

You are Hereby required and directed to repair on board His Maj^s Ship Royal Oak and take upon you the Command and act as Captain of Her 'till further Orders, and to use every possible endeavour to fit her for Sea with the utmost dispatch. Hereby strictly charging and Commanding all the Officers and Company belonging to the said Ship subordinate to you to behave themselves with all due respect unto you their said Acting Captain and you likewise to observe and execute all such Orders and directions as you shall from time to time receive from me or any other your superior Officer for His Majestys

Service hereof nor you nor any of you may fail as you will answer the contrary at your Peril.

Given under my hand on board His Majestys Ship Formidable in Port Royal Harbour Jamaica 6 May 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Mr. John Stephen Hall
hereby appointed to Act as Captain
of H. M. Ship Royal Oak, 'till further Orders

By Sir G. B. Rodney &c: &c

An Order for a Survey on the Main Course of His Maj^{s} Ship Warrior, Sr Jas: Wallace, directed the Masters of His Maj^{s} Ships as p^{r} Margin [1]

Given &c: &c: &c: in Port Royal Harbour Jamaica 6 May 1782

(For the Admiral)

Charles Douglas

By Sir G: B: Rodney Bart: K B &c: &c: &c:

You are hereby required and directed to put yourself under the Command of Rear Admiral Rowley, and follow such Orders and Instructions you may receive from Him, for His Majestys Service, 'till further Orders.

Given &c: &c: &c: In Port Royal Harbour Jamaica 6th May 1782

G. B. Rodney

To The Captains of His Majesty's Ships as p^{r} Margin [2]

An Order for a Survey on Boatswains Stores of His Maj^{s} Ship Royal Oak.

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[1] Intrepid, Shrewsbury, Fame, Russel, Ajax or any Three of Them

[2] London, Centaur, Duke, Alcide, Hercules, Royal Oak, Prince George, Resource

By Sir Geo: B. Rodney Bart: K B &c: &c: &c:

You are hereby required and directed to discharge the Ten Men named in the Margin,[1] from His Majestys Sloop under your Command into His Majesty's Ship l'Hector.

Given under my hand on board His Majesty's
Ship Formidable in Port Royal Harbour 6 May 1782

G: B: Rodney

To Captain [blank]
Of His Majesty's Sloop Zebra

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart: K B &c: &c: &c:

Whereas you have represented to me, that there are not Bulk heads in the Vessels named in the Margin [2] for seperating the Provision, and Spirits to be put on board them for the Use of the Seamen, and Soldiers Invalids and Prisoners of War going to Europe, and as the Carpenters &ca: of His Majesty's Dock Yard in this Port are employed in refitting and repairing the Damages His Majestys Fleet sustain'd in the late Action with the French Fleet,

You are hereby requir'd and directed to Hire such Carpenters and purchase such Boards as may be necessary for the above purposes on the best and cheapest Terms for Government.

Given &c: &c: &c In Port Royal
Harbour Jamaica 6 May 1782

G: B: Rodney

To Lieut: Walbeoff
Agent for Transports

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[1] Mr: Wm: Walker, James Beard, Wm: Mongomery, Jno: Richardson, James Wynn, Geo: Raney, Wm: Harply, Robert Smith, Wm: Burgess, Jno: McClewny

[2] Content, John & Bella, Hope, Providence, Triumvirate, Paliser, Jason

At a Court Martial held on board His Majestys
Ship the Barfleur, at Sea, on Monday
6th May 1782

Present

Sir Samuel Hood, Baronet, Rear Admiral of the Blue, and Second in Command of His Majestys Ships and Vessels.

Read Admiral Drake Commodore Affleck

Captains

George Balfour	Samuel Thompson
Samuel Cornish	Charles Inglis
S. G. Goodall	Francis Reynolds
Benjamin Caldwell	Robert Fanshawe
John Lewis Gidoin	Thomas Dumaresq

The Court (being duly sworn) in Pursuance of an Order from Sir G. B. Rodney Bart: K B. Vice Admiral of Great Britain, Admiral of the White Squadron, and Commander in Chief of all His Majestys Ships and Vessels employed, and to be employed in the West Indies &c: &c: &c: dated the Twenty fourth day of April 1782. and directed to Sir Samuel Hood Baronet Rear Admiral of the Blue &c: &c: &c:

Proceeded to enquire into the Conduct and Behaviour of Lieutenant George Tripp, First Lieutenant of His Majestys Ship, the Marlborough, in the Action with the French Fleet, on the twelfth day of April last. The Court having heard the Several Evidences that were called, and very seriously and Maturely, considered the same, are of Opinion that the Conduct and Behaviour of Lieutenant George Tripp of the twelfth day of April last, when the Marlborough was in Action with the French Fleet, was that of a Brave and Good Officer, and it further appears to the Court, that his whole Conduct on

that Day, was such as reflect the highest Honor on him as an Officer in his Station.

Samuel Hood
Fra: S: Drake

Robert Fanshawe
John Lewis Gidoin
Thomas Dumaresq

Edmund Affleck
Geo: Balfour
Samuel Thompson
Samuel Cornish
Charles Inglis
G: Goodall
Francis Reynolds
Benjamin Caldwell

T Morgan
appointed to execute the Office of
Judge Advocate upon this Occasion
(a True Copy)

By Sir George Bridges Rodney Bart:
Admiral of the White and Commander
in Chief &c: &c: &c:

Whereas I judge it highly necessary for His Majestys Service that the Convoy bound to Great Britain should not be detained longer than the 15th of this month.

You are therefore hereby required and directed to take under your Command His Majestys Ships nam'd in the Margin [1] and proceed from this Port on the 15th Inst: with such Trade as may be ready and desirous to go under your Convoy for Great Britain.

You are to give directions that Count de Grasse with Five or Six of His principal Officers (that he may himself chuse) with his Servants and Equipage be received on board the Sandwich as Prisoners of War.

You are likewise to give directions to all the Captains

[1] The list of ships was not copied into the Order-Book. Ed.

of the other Ships of War under your Command that they receive on board their respective Ships the remainder of the French Officers in order to their being carried Prisoners to Great Britain—and that they likewise prepare for receiving a proportionable number of the French Prisoners agreable to the Orders they will receive from me.

Given under my hand on board His Majes^ys^
Formidable in Port Royal Harb^r^ Jamaica
7 May 1782

G. B. Rodney

Sir Peter Parker
Vice Admiral of the White &c: &c: &c:

By Sir George Bridges Rodney Bart: &c: &c: &c:

You are hereby required and directed to proceed with His Majestys Sloop under your Command, and the Tobago, her Commander having my Orders to follow your direction and Cruize between the East End of Jamaica and Port Royal to protect the Trade of His Majestys Subjects bound to this Island; and on no account to suffer Flags of Truce to advance nearer than Morant Bay: where you are to detain them 'till I send answers to their Dispatches.

You are to continue on this Service 'till further Orders, and be particularly careful to watch that no small Privateers infest the Coast.

Given under my hand on board His Majestys
Ship Formidable In Port Royal Harbour
Jamaica 7 May 1782

G: B: Rodney

To Captain Stow,
of His Majestys Sloop Vaughan

The following Gentlemen are appointed by acting Orders to act as Lieutenants of the Ramillies 'till further Orders

John Trigge	to be 1st Lieut:
Goodwin Colquit	2
Richard Nash	3
Edward Woodnot	4
George Turnbull	5
Thomas Larcom	6

and Mr. Robert Young to be Master of the Ramillies

Mr: Peter McKeller to be 1st Lieut: of the Fox

Lieut: David Mudie to act as Third Lieut: of the Endymion.

Dated 7 May 1782

By Sir Geo: B. Rodney Bart. K B &c: &c: &c:

Whereas I judge it necessary for His Majestys Service that a compleat Muster be made of the Ships under my Command by my first Captain assisted by such Other Officers as I shall appoint to attend Him.

You are hereby required and directed not to suffer the least delay to be made, in his putting this necessary Order into Execution, but deliver into his Hands a compleat Muster Book with the proper Ratings taking care that all your Officers and Ships Company are on board and attend the Muster.

Given under my hand &c: &c: &c:

In Port Royal Harbour Jamaica 7th May 1782

G. B. Rodney

To The Admirals and Respective Captains of the Fleet under my Command

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An Order granted for a Survey on damaged Beef and Flour unfit for Men to Eat, directed to the Masters of

His Majestys Ships as per Margin,[1] on board the Sybil Captain Rodney.

Dated 7 May 1782

An Order directed to Masters of H. M. Ships as p^r Margin [2] to survey a Fore top Sail of His Maj^s Ship Pallas, Cap^n Thomas

Dated 7 May 1782

By Sir G: B: Rodney Bart: K B &c: &c: &c:

An Order for a Survey on the Sails & Rigging of H. M. Ship Canada directed to the Masters as per Margin [3]

7th May 1782

An Order for a survey on the Gunners Stores of the Canada Hon: Captn Cornwallis, directed to the Gunners as per margin.[3]

7th May 1782

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart: K B &c: &c: &c:

You are hereby required and directed to put yourself under the Command of Captain Stow of His Majesty's Sloop Vaughan and follow his directions for your further proceedings.

Given under my hand on board His Majestys
Ship Formidable in Port Royal Harbour
Jamaica 7th May 1782 G: B: Rodney

To Captain Martin
of His Majestys Sloop Tobago

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[1] Nestor, Unicorn & Jamaica

[2] Southampton, Lowestoffe, Fox & Flora (or any 3 of them)

[3] Warrior, Prince George, Royal Oak, Duke (or any 3 of them)

By Sir George B. Rodney Bart. K B &c &c &c

Whereas I think it absolutely necessary for His Majestys Service and the better to enable me to make an equal distribution of the men belonging to the Fleet under my Command that a general muster be made, with all convenient dispatch.

You are hereby required and directed to take to your assistance any two Captains of the Fleet under my command, and the Clerk of the Checque or One of His Clerks, who have my orders to Attend and proceed without loss of time, to Muster the men belonging to the Fleet.

You are to demand a perfect and proper muster Book Signed by the Captain and to be particularly attentive to the Rating of the Petty Officers and Ships Company.

You are likewise to order the Pursers of the Ship to attend with their Mess Books and compare the Number Victualled with the Muster Book deliver'd to you and in case you find any collusion you are instantly to put that Officer in Arest who occasioned it, in order to his being tryed at a Court Martial.

You are to be extreamly attentive on this important Service and to take no excuse whatever that the Muster Books are not ready as proper Orders has been given for that purpose.

You are to muster the Flag ships first begin^g with the Formidable and the rest of the ships according to the seniority of their Commanders beginning to Morrow, and continuing to execute this Order from time to time as his Majestys service will admit, or till you receive order from me to the Contrary.

Given &ca &ca &ca on board His Majestys
Ship Formidable 7th May 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Sir Charles Douglass

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart: K B.
Admiral of the White and Commander
in Chief &c: &c: &c:

Notwithstanding your former Orders you are hereby required and directed to put yourself under the Command of Vice Adm[l] Sir Peter Parker and follow his Orders for your further Proceedings.

Given &c: &c: 8th May 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captain Nugent
Pomona

An Order for Lieut: Hall, acting Captain of H. M. Ship Royal Oak, to supply H. M. S. la Ville de Paris, with what Powder Barrels she may want taking proper Receipts for the Same.

dated 8 May 1782

G. B. Rodney

By Sir Geo: B. Rodney Bart: K B
Admiral of the White and Commander
in Chief &c: &c: &c:

Whereas His Majestys Ship under your Command is ordered to Great Britain with the Convoy.

You are hereby required and directed to compleat her Provisions to only Three Months of all Species for which this shall be your Order.

Given &c: &c: &c: in Port Royal Harbour
Jamaica 8th May 1782

G: B: Rodney

To The respective Captains as p[r] Margin [1]

[1] Sandwich, Intrepid, Ajax, Pomona, Lowestoffe

By Sir: G. B. Rodney &c. &c: &c:

You are hereby required and directed during your continuance in this Harbour, to follow such Orders and directions as you may receive from Lieutenant Walbeoff, Agent for Transports, towards getting the Dutton Ordnance Store Ship ready to receive French Prisoners, and to proceed with the ensuing Convoy.

Given &c: &c: &c: in Port Royal Harbour
Jamaica 8th May 1782

G: B: Rodney

To Mr: Payne,
Master of the Dutton, Ordnance Store Ship

Full Title

Whereas I think it necessary for His Majesty's Service, at this particular Juncture, that a S[e]cond Captain should be on board His Majesty's Ship London, the better to carry on the Public Service.

You are hereby required and directed to repair on board, and there Act as Second Captain 'till further Orders, hereby strictly charging and Commanding all the Officers and Company of the said Ship, subordinate to you, to behave themselves with all due Respect and Obedience unto you, their said Second Captain and You likewise to observe and execute all such Orders and directions as you shall from time to time Receive from Rear Admiral Rowley, or any other your Superior Officer for His Majestys Service.

For which this shall be your Order.

Given under my hand on board his Maj^{s}
Ship Formidable in Port Royal Harbour
Jamaica 8th May 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captain George Martin of H. M. Sloop Tobago
hereby appointed to Act as Second Captain of His Majestys Ship London.

An Order for Lieut: Rowley Bulteel, to command His M. Sloop Tobago, vice Captain Geo: Martin who is appointed Second Captain of the London 'till further Orders.

Dated 8 May 1782

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart: K B &c: &c: &c:

Whereas it has been represented to me by the Physician to the Fleet and the Surgeon to the Hospital, that the Transport Jason, destined to carry to England the Invalids from the Hospital, is not properly fitted for that Purpose.

You are hereby required and directed to purchase Board and employ Carpenters to erect platforms for the Ease, and Accomodation of the said Invalids, for which this shall be your Order.

Given under my hand &c: &c: &c:
8th May 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Lieut: Thomas Walbeoff
Agent for Transports

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart: K B
Admiral of the White &c: &c: &c:

Notwithstanding your former Orders You are not only to assist in Unlading the Store Ships, but to send what Men you can trust to get the Stores properly stowed in the Store Houses taking care that the Men do not remain on Shore after Sun Set, and that they are paid for their Labour.

Given &c: &c: &c: on board his M. Ship
Formidable 8th May 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captn McNemara
of His Maj$^{'s}$ Ship Nestor

By Sir George B. Rodney Bart. K B &ca &ca &ca

You are hereby required and directed to compleat the Provisions of His Majestys Ship Prothée under you Command to four Months of all Species also the ordinance Stores and Powder to what they may be defficient of with all possible dispatch

Given &ca &ca &ca on board His Majestys Ship Formidable 8th May 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captain Buckner
Prothée

By Sir Geo: B: Rodney Bart. &ca &ca &ca

Whereas Lieutenant George Byne of Marines has represented to me that he has your consent and would wish to be removed into His Majestys Ship Fox

You are therefore hereby required and directed to discharge him accordingly.

Given &ca &ca &ca on board His Majestys Ship Formidable 8th May 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captn Thompson
Alcide

By Sir Geo. B. Rodney Bart. &ca: &ca &ca

You are hereby required and directed to proceed to Sea with his Majestys Ship under your command and join Rear Admiral Sir Samuel Hood agreeable to the inclosed Rendezv[ous] You are to put yourself under his Command and follow his orders for your future proceedings

Given &ca &ca &ca 8th May 1782

G B Rodney

To The respective Capt^s as ☞ Margin [1]

[1] The captains' names were not copied into the Order-Book. Ed.

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart: K B
Admiral of the White &c: &c: &c:

Notwithstanding your former Orders You are not only to assist in Unlading the Store Ships, but to send what Men you can trust to get the Stores properly stowed in the Store Houses taking care that the Men do not remain on Shore after Sun Set, and that they are paid for their Labour.

Given &c: &c: &c: on board his M. Ship
Formidable 8th May 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captn McNemara
of His Maj^s Ship Nestor

By Sir George B. Rodney Bart. K. B. &c &c &c

Whereas I have appointed Mr Alex^r Achyndachy to His Majestys Ship the Sybil in the room of Mr. William Cock appointed to the Canton [*Caton?*]

You are hereby required and directed to repair on board the said ship, and there take a strict, and careful Survey of the Carpent^rs Stores remaining on board, delivering them into the Charge of the succeeding Carpenter Reporting to me your proceedings therein

Given &ca &ca &ca on board His Majestys
Ship Formidable 9th May 1782

G. B. Rodney

To The Carpenters of His Maj^s Ships Duke, Shrewsbury, Intrepid, Fame, & Alcide or any three of them

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An Order directing the Purser of the Shrewsbury to deliver to the Purser of the Hydra what Provisions he may stand in need of.

Dated 9th May 1782

and another desiring the Purser of the Hydra to demand of the Purser of the Shrewsbury what provisions he may stand in need of.

An Order for Captn Markham of the Vulcano to act as assisting Captn on board his Majestys Ship Formidable till further orders dated 9th May 82.

By Sir George Bridges Rodney Bart: &ca &ca &ca

You are hereby required and directed to cause the Purser of H. M. Ship under your command to supply H. M. S. Sybil with such Provisions as she may stand in need of (a List whereof Captn Rodney has my orders to send you) in order to her being Completed for Sea with all the expedition possible, taking proper receipts for the same.

Given under my hand on board his Majestys Ship Formidable 9th May 82

G. B. Rodney

To Captn West
Shrewsbury

An Order to supply H. M. Ship Alarm, with a further proportion of Surgeons Necessaries, for Four Months her complement being 220 Men. dated 9th May 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Lewis Rob: Allen Esqr
Naval Store Keeper
Jamaica

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart: K B &c: &c: &c:

An Order to supply the Resource Captain Rowley with a further proportion of Surgeons Necessaries for Four months her complement being 200 Men.

Given &c: &c: &c: 9 May 1782

G: B: Rodney

Lewis Robert Allen Esqr
Naval Store Keeper
Jamaica

A Similar Order to supply Cap: Parker of H. M. Ship Diamond for Four Months her complement being 220 Men, Dated 10 May 82

A Similar Order to supply Cap: Saumarez of H. M. S. Russel for Four Months her complement being 600 Men, Dated 9 May

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A Similar Order to supply Capt: Williams of H. M. Ship Prince George for four months her Complement being 750 Men.

Dated 9 May 1782

G. B. Rodney

A similar Order for the Hydra, Capt: Hotchkys, to four Months her Complement being 160 Men dated 9 May 1872.

A similar Order for the Lowestoffe Capt: Windsor to four Months her complement being 220 Men dated 9 May

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A similar Order for the Sloop, Du Guay Trouin, to four months her complement being 125 Men, 9th May

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A similar Order for H. M. S. Nestor to four months, Her complement being 160 Men, Dated 9th May 1782

A Similar Order for H. M. S. Duke to Three Months, Her Complement being 750 Men dated 11 May 1782.

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart: K B &c: &c: &c:

Whereas the Master Attendant here, has represented to me, that as the nature of his Employ frequently occassions his going out of Harbour with large Ships, and to meet others coming in, and that it is often necessary for him to lay down Buoys, weigh Anchors, Transport Ships &c: which Service He is incapable of executing properly for want of a Boat and Crew.

You are hereby requir'd and directed to purchase for him on the best and cheapest terms for Government, a Six Oar'd Boat with Sails and other Materials, and to enter a Boats Crew, consisting of a Coxswain, and Six Men paying them the usual allowance.

Given &c: &c: &c: in Port Royal Harbour
Jamaica 9th May 1782

G: B: Rodney

Lewis Robt Allen Esqr
Naval Store Keeper Jamaica

By Sir Geo. B. Rodney Bart. K B. &c. &c. &ca

Whereas it has been represented to me that there is a Large Spanish Prize now in this Harbour called the Conception, which may be bought reasonable and is capable of being converted either into a Convalescent or Store Ship both which are much wanted.

You are hereby required and directed to take to your Assistance and carefully examine the Said Ship reporting to me whither She is likely to answer the Above Purpose, and in case of her being so, accurately to Value Her taking particular care, that She is not estimated at more than She is Strictly worth, and reporting to me under your hands her Valuation Accordingly.

Given under my hand on board His Maj: Ship
Formidable in Port Royal Harbour Jamaica
9th May 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Alexander Innis Esqr
Master Builder at Jamaica.

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart: K B &c: &c: &c:

You are hereby required and directed to put yourself under the Command of Captain Marshall of His Majesty's Ship Flora and follow his Orders for your Proceedings 'till further Orders.

Given &c: &c: &c: 10th May

G. B. Rodney

To Captain Parker of H. M. Ship Diamond

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart: K B &c: &c: &c:

You are hereby required and directed to discharge the Twenty five Men named in the Margin,[1] serving on board His Majesty's Ship under your Command into His Majestys Ship Anson.

Given under my hand on board His Majestys
Ship Formidable in Port Royal Harbour
Jamaica. 10th May 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captain Rodney
of His M. Ship Sybil

An Order to survey the Hull, Masts, Yards &c: of His Maj^{s} Ship Alfred, Captain Barbor, dated 10 May 1782.

To The Master Shipwright
or his Assistant

[1] Ch^{s} Bayley, Ph^{r} Brooks, Jno Crozier, Will: Collin, Ja^{s} Connor, Hen: Baker, Ja^{s} Bantram, Walw^{n} Eustace, Jno Elliot, Hen: Lymas, Jno Host, Thos Brown, Wm. Thompkinson, Ja^{s} Bristow, Ja^{s} Evans, Ab^{m} Seager, Joel Long, Jno Knox, Jos^{nn} Buckley, Jno Harrison, Geo: Williams, Jno Miller, Wm: Mitchell, Thos Dowd, Saml Witton

By Sir Geo: B: Rodney Bart: K B &c: &c: &c:

You are hereby required and directed to discharge from the Books of His Majesty's Ship under your Command into the Formidable, the Officer and Twenty One Marines named in the Margin.[1]

Given under my hand on board His Majestys
Ship Formidable in Port Royal Harbour
Jamaica 10th May 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captain Cowling
Of His Majestys Ship Sandwich

Full Title

You are hereby requir'd and directed to repair immediately on board His Majestys Sloop the Zebra and to take the Charge and Command as Captain of Her 'till further Orders, and the Officers and Company of the said Sloop, are hereby strictly charged and commanded to Obey you as their said Captain accordingly.

Given &c: &c: on board His Majestys Ship
Formidable in Port Royal Harbour
Jamaica 10th May 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captain Markham
hereby appointed to Command
His M. Sloop Zebra, 'till further Orders

By Sir Geo: B. Rodney Bart: K B
Admiral of the White &c: &c: &c:

Whereas it has been represented to me that the Invalids now embarked for England stand in need of several

[1] Jn° Johnstone 1st Lieut:, Jn° Blake, Wm: Morrison, W. Jackson, Jn° Fullard, Ben: Edwards, Ja^s Edwards, John Fray, John Reed, Wm: Overton, Saml Watson, Tho: Paget, Tho: Haley, Ed: Hallaghan, Edw: Mahan, Wm: Fitzgerald, Thos: Webb, Rich: Allen, Mart^n Clarey, Geo: Skeene, Peter Rabbet, Saml Leggat

Articles of Bedding and Refreshments on their Passage.

You are hereby required and directed to furnish from the Publick Stores in Your Custody, or to purchase for the use of the said Invalids the following Articles, namely, One hundred Rugs, five hundred Pounds of Sugar, One hundred pounds of Coffee, Five Pipes good Sound Wine, for which this shall be your Order; and you are to account with the Commissioners of Sick and Wounded for the same, and to draw Bills for the amount of such Expence as you may be at, Producing proper Vouchers for the purchase and delivery of such Articles, as are not in the Stores under your charge.

Given &c: &c: &c: 10th May 1782

G. B. Rodney

To William Wood,
Agent and Surgeon of the Hospital
at Port Royal Jamaica

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart: K B
Admiral of the White &c: &c: &c:

Whereas you have acquainted me by Letter of this days date that the Purser of His Majestys Ship Duke under your Command hath represented to you, that the Water Casks are much out of Repair and in want of Trimming and that there is but one Cooper belonging to the said Ship, and that there being no Cooperage of His Majestys at this Port.

You are therefore hereby required and directed to Order the Purser of His Majestys Ship under your Command to hire as many Coopers as may be absolutely necessary for the aforemention'd Service directing Him to keep a particular account of the Staves and Hoops expended in the said Repair, and he is to draw Bills on the Commissioners of His Majestys Victualling to the

amount of the Coopers Hire, for the time they are so employ'd agreable to the established Form.

Given &c: &c: &c: 10th May 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captain Gardner
Of His Maj^{s} Ship Duke

By Sir Geo. B. Rodney Bt. K B. &ca &ca &ca

Whereas the Masts and Yards belonging to the Conception a Spanish Prize in this Harbour will probably be wanted to carry home one of the French Ships now in this Port.

You are hereby required & directed to repair on board her, and carefully survey them, as the[y] are now standing in the Said Ship, and if they are judged fitt for Use to put an impartial Value on them between the Crown & the Agent for the Captor, in Order to there being purchased accordingly.

Given under my hand on board His Maj: Ship Formidable, in Port Royal Harbour Jamaica May 10th 1782

Geo. B. Rodney

To The Master Shipwright & Foreman
Of His Maj: Yard

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart: K B &c: &c: &c:

Whereas Captain Manly Dixon has represented to me by Letter of this Days date, that there is on board His Majestys Sloop Jamaica under his Comm^{d} a Cable, and some small sails bad, and unfit for Service and requesting a Survey thereon.

You are hereby requir'd and directed to repair on board said Sloop, and there take a strict and carefull survey

of the Cables and Sails complain'd of Reporting to me your Proceedings thereon.

Given &c: &c: 11 May 1782

G. B. Rodney

To The Masters of H. M. Ships as per Margin [1]

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart: K B &c: &c: &c:

Lieut: Hall, Acting Captain of H. M. S. Royal Oak having represented to me by letter dated 6 May, that a Quantity of Rigging, Sails, &c: &c: were much Shot and decayed, requesting a Survey thereon.

You are hereby &c: &c: to repair on board the said Ship & take a strict and careful Survey of the said Rigging, Sails &c: reporting to me Your Proceedings thereon.

Given &c: &c: &c: 11 May 1782

G. B. Rodney

To The Masters of H. M. Ships as per Margin [2]

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart: K B &c: &c: &c:

An Order for Captain Archer of His Majestys Ship Unicorn to have a Survey on Cables and a quantity of Running Rigging belonging to His Ship, directed to the Masters of His Majestys Ships as per Margin.[2]

Given &c: &c: &c: 11th May 1782

G: B: Rodney

To The Masters of His Majestys Ship as p^r Margin [2]

[1] Alfred, Canada, Prince George, Fame, Hercules, (or any Three) of Them

[2] The list of ships was not copied into the Order-Book. Ed.

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart: K B &c: &c: &c:

You are hereby requir'd and directed to put yourself under the Command of Captain Marshall and follow his Orders for your further proceedings

Given &c: &c: &c: 11 May 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captain Markham
of H. M. Sloop Zebra

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart: K B &c: &c: &c:

You are hereby required and directed to receive on board His Majestys Ship under your Command and to Victual at the usual Allowance of Prisoners of War, One Hundred French Soldiers exclusive of the Count de Grasse, and the Officers nam'd in the Margin,[1] and to deliver them into the Charge of the Agent for Prisoners, at the first Kings Port you make in England.

Given under my hand &c: &c: &c: on board His Majestys Ship Formidable in Port Royal Harbour 11 May 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captain Cowling
of His Majestys Ship Sandwich

An Order for Captain Charrington of His Majestys Ship Ajax to receive on board his Ship, and to victual them at the usual allowance of Prisoners of War, one hundred French Soldiers (exclusive of the Officers nam'd in the Margin [1]) and to deliver them into the Charge of the Agent for Prisoners of War at the first Kings Port you make in England.

[1] The officers' names were not copied into the Order-Book. Ed.

A similar Order to Captain Molloy of H. M. S. Intrepid.

A similar Order to Captain Windsor of H. M. S. Lowestoffe For Sixty French Soldiers (exclusive of the Officers named in the Margin [1])

A similar Order to Captain Nugent of H. M. S. Pomona For Sixty French Soldiers (exclusive of the Officers named in the Margin [1]) Dated 11 May 1782

By Sir G: B: Rodney Bart: K B
Full Title

You are hereby required and directed to repair on board His Majesty's Ship Formidable, and take upon you the Command, and act as Supernumerary Captain of Her 'till further Orders. Hereby strictly charging and Commanding all the Officers and Company belonging to the said Ship subordinate to you, to behave themselves with all respect unto you their said Supernumerary Captain, and you likewise to observe and execute all such Orders, and directions as you shall from time to time receive from me or any other your superior Officer for His Majestys Service, Hereof you nor any of you may fail as you will answer the contrary at your Peril.

Given under my hand on board His Majestys
Ship Formidable in Port Royal Harbour
[blank] May 1782

G: B: Rodney

To Capt: Richard Lucas
hereby appointed Supernumerary Captain
of the Formidable ('till further Orders)

[1] The officers' names were not copied into the Order-Book. Ed

An Order for a Survey on Gunners Stores belonging to the Yarmouth Captain Parrey, directed to Gunners of His Majestys Ships as per Margin.[1]

Dated 11 May 1782

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart: K B &c: &c: &c:

It is the Admirals direction that You examine the Prisoners now on board His Majestys Ship under your Command, and in case of finding any Neutral to assure them, that if they chuse to go on board the French Men of War in order to Navigate them to England, they shall on their Arrival be paid their Wages for so doing, and have their discharge to go where they please.

11th May 1782

G. B. R.

To Captains of H. M. Ships as per Margin [2]

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart: K B &c: &c: &c:

An Order granted for a Survey on Powder and Gunners Stores of His Maj^s Ship, Russel, Captn Saumarez directed to the Gunners of His Majestys Ships as p^r Margin.[3]

Given &c: &c: &c: 11 May 1782

G. B. Rodney

An Order granted for a Survey on Two Cables and running Rigging on board his Maj^s Ship Unicorn directed to the Masters of His Majestys Ships as p^r Margin.[4]

11 May 1782

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[1] Shrewsbury, Invincible, Royal Oak, Russel

[2] Parry of the Yarmouth
Bowen of the Montagu

[3] Prothee, Ajax, Alfred, Princess Caroline (or any 3 of Them)

[4] Fortunee, Nestor, Montagu (or any other) Ship at Greenwich

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart: K B &c: &c: &c:

Whereas I have received Intelligence that the intention of the Enemy is to attempt the Landing of a considerable Body of Troops on the North side of this Island, and that they have Erected Barracks at St: Iago de Cuba, sufficient to hold 4000 Men who are daily expected to arrive in that City, and from whence they intend to Invade the North Side of this Island, while the Fleet and Main Army attack the South.

And whereas I judge it absolutely necessary for His Majestys Service, that a Squadron of Ships should be employ'd not only for the Protection of the North Side of this Island, but likewise to Cruize on and Reconnoitre the South Side of Cuba from St: Iago to Cumberland Harbour to watch the motions of the Enemy and to use their best endeavours to intercept or destroy their Ships and Vessels intended for the Expedition against Jamaica.

You are therefore required and directed to proceed with the Squadron under your Command to Port Antonio, on the North Side of this Island, which Harbour you are to make your principal Rendezvous, and from whence you are to Detach such Frigates as you may think necessary for the Protection of the North Side of this Island, and the Trade of His Majesty's Subjects.

You are likewise either to proceed yourself or send such Ships as you may think most proper to Cruize on the South Side of Cuba in order, not only to Reconnoitre the Port of St: Iago, and Cumberland Harbour, but likewise to intercept the Enemys Ships bound to those Ports. During your Continuance in Port, You are to take every opportunity of ordering a Supply of Fresh Provisions and Vegetables to the Companys of the Ships under your Command, in order to enable them to Sustain the Fatigues of the Service they are employed on, and preserve their health in this unhealthy Climate.

You are to continue on this Service 'till further Order,

acquainting me from time to time with every Occurrance you may think necessary.

Given under my hand on board His Majestys Ship Formidable 11 May 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Rear Adm[l] Graves &c: &c: &c:

By Sir Geo: B Rodney Bart. K B
Admiral of the White &c: &c:

You are hereby requir'd and directed to discharge from his Majestys Sloop under your Command into the Jason 50 Such Seamen as Capt[n] Meyrick shall approve of.

Dated May 11. 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captain Sparks
of H. M. Sloop Martin

By Sir Geo. B. Rodney Bt. K B. &ca &ca &ca

The Master Shipwright & Foreman, having by my Orders survey'd and Value'd the Masts and Yards of the Conception, As they now stand to be worth the Sum of Six hundred Pounds Sterling.

You are hereby required and directed to Pay Mr John Robinson Agent for the Said Ship the same Accordingly, taking his Receipt and drawing on His Majestys Navy Board for the Amount.

Given under my hand on board His Maj: Ship Formidable, in Port Royal Harbour Jamaica, May 11th 1782

To Robt. Lewis Allen Esq[r]

An Order to survey the Rigging of His Majestys Ship Alfred Captain Barbor directed to the Masters as p[r] Margin [1]

12th May 1782

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[1] Formidable, Alcide, Intrepid, Fame, Ajax or any Three of them

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart: K B &c: &c: &c:

You are hereby required and directed to proceed with His Majestys Sloop under your Command and Cruize, for the Protection of the Coast of this Island between the West End thereof, and Portland Point in order to take or destroy any Vessels of the Enemy that may infest or annoy it, taking under your Convoy any Trade that may be bound to the Place of your Rendezvous.

You are frequently to put into Savannah la Mer and Black River and to continue on this Station 'till further Orders or you shall be in want of Provisions.

Given &c: &c: &c: 12 May 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captain Hulke,
of H. M. Sloop du Guay Trouin
and Captain Rivett
of H. M. Sloop Duc D'Estissac

An Order granted for a Survey on the Hull &ca. of His Maj^{s} Ship Canada, directed to the Master Builder and Carpenters of His Majestys Ships, as p^{r} Margin.[1]

13 May 1782

An Order to Captn Coffin Of His Majestys Sloop Pacahunta to discharge from his Majestys Sloop under his Command all the Petty Officers & men Lately belong^{g} to the Santa Monica, into H. M. S. Ville de Paris. 13th May 82

A similar Order to Captn Ball of His M. Sloop Germaine & to Captn Drury of His Majestys Sloop Tickler. 13th May

[1] Formidable, Duke, Ville de Paris.

Also an Order to Captn Curgenwin of H. M. S. Ville de Paris to receive them. 13th May 1782

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart: K B &c: &c: &c:

You are hereby required and directed to receive on board His M. Ship under your Command, such Casks of Wine, Barrels of Sugar and Coffee as shall be sent to Your by Mr: Weir, whom I have ordered to purchase a Quantity of Necessaries and Refreshment for the Seamen of the Part of the Fleet under my Command which I have left Cruizing to Windward, causing the Purser of your Ship to give Receipts for the same and to proceed therewith to join Sir Samuel Hood whose Direction you are to follow in the Disposal and Distribution thereof to the Ships they are intended for.

Given &c 13 May 1782

G: B: Rodney

To Captain Bromedge
H. M. S. Princess Caroline

By Sr G. B. Rodney &c: &c:

You are hereby requir'd and directed without loss of Time after having received on board H. M. Schooner under your Command such Pilots as the Master Intendant shall point out to You, to Cruize of[f] Port Morant, not only for the Protection of the Trade but particularly to put Pilots on board any of H. M. Ships that may be coming in, for which You are to keep the best look out possible

dated 13 May 1782

G. B. Rodney

Lieut: Dawkins
of H. M. Schooner Lion

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart: K B &c: &c: &c:

You are hereby requir'd and directed to take under your Command H. M. Ships as are mentioned in the Margin [1] and proceed to join Commodore Affleck agreable to the inclosed Rendezvous.

Given &c: &c: 13 May 1782

G. B. Rodney

Sir James Wallace
of H. M. Ship Warrior

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart: K B &c: &c: &c:

You are hereby required and directed to put Yourself under the Command of Sir James Wallace of H. M. Ship Warrior and follow his Orders for your further Proceedings.

Given &c: &c: &c: 13 May 1782

G. B. Rodney

To The Captains of H. M. Ships as per Margin [1]

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. K. B &c. &c. &c.

Notwithstanding your former Orders you are not to Victual any Prisoners of War, to be sent home at more than two thirds allowance of all species of provisions; but you are hereby authorized and directed to purchase a quantity of fresh Provisions, to be divided amongst the Officers Prisoners of War on board His Majestys Ships and Transports taking care that the expence does not exceed Five hundred Pounds Sterling

Given &ca &ca &ca 13th May 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Thomas Neville Esqr
Agent for Prisoners of War

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[1] Flora, Diamond, Sibyl

An Order for a Survey on the remains of Carpenters Stores on board His Majestys Ship Royal Oak addressed to the Carpenters of the Fame, Hercules, Intrepid and Ajax.

14th May 1782

By Sir George Bridges Rodney Bart &c &c &c

Whereas you have acquainted me by Letter of this days date that the Water Casks are defective, and much out of repair and that the Coopers on board His Majestys Ship under your command are unable to repair them, as there is no Cooperage belonging to His Majesty at this Port.

You are therefore hereby required and directed to order the Purser of His Majesty's Ship under you[r] Command to hire as many Coopers as may be absolutely necessary for the aforesaid Service directing him to keep a particular account of the Staves, and Hoops expended in the said Repair, and He is to draw Bills on the Commissioners for Victualling His Majestys Navy to the Amount of the Coopers hire, for the time they are so employed agreeable to the established form.

Given &ca &ca &ca Formidable
in Port Royal Harbour 14th May 1782

To The Hon: Capt. Cornwallis
of His M. S. Canada

Cancelled

By Sir George Bridges Rodney Bart &c &c &c

Captain Saumarez having represented to me by Letter of this days date, that from the Damages His Majestys Ship under his Command, has received by being aground at different times, and also in several Actions with the enemy is much weakned, requesting an Order for her being surveyed.

You are hereby required and directed, to repair on board the said ship and there take a strict and carefull survey on the defects of the said ship reporting to me from under your hands the Condition you find her in.

Given &ca &ca &ca 14th May 82

Cancelled G. B. Rodney

To The Builder and his Assistant,
and the Carpenter of His Majestys Ship Ville de Paris

An Order for a Survey on Boatswains Stores on board His Majestys Ship Russel, directed to the masters of his Majestys Ships Formidable Canada Prince George, Alfred Fame and Hercules or any three of them the master of the Formidable being One.

dated 14th May 82

An Order to discharge Thomas Knight from the Books of His Majestys Ship Alfred to the Arden. Dated 15th May 1782

An Order for Captn Christian of the Fortunée to put himself under the Command of Rear Admiral Rowley. Dated 15th May 1782

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. K. B. &ca &ca &ca

Whereas I have given Orders to Lieut. Thomas Walbeoff Agent for Transports to prepare such Transports as are going home, for the Reception of as many French Prisoners as they can conveniently hold and to receive them on board.

You are hereby required and directed to Victual the said Prisoners of all Denominations at two thirds allow-

ance of all species of Provisions, agreeable to the Rules of the Navy and no more.

You are however nevertheless hereby authorized and directed to lay in fresh Provisions for the Accomodation of the Officers during their voyage taking care the Expence thereof does not exceed the amount of their Parole subsistance on this Island for the Term of Three Months. And whereas there are several Prisoner Officers going home in the Men of War, you are further Authorized and directed either to furnish them with a proportion of fresh Provisions agreeable to the number on board each ship, so that the whole expence does not exceed the Sum of Five hundred Pounds Sterling, or to furnish the Officers Messes of the respective men of War proportionable to the number of Prisoner Officers in each with a Sum of money to be by them laid out for that purpose so that the whole does not exceed the said sum of Five hundred pounds Sterling.

Given &ca &ca &ca Port Royal Harbour
Jamaica 15 May 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Thos. Neville Esq[r]
Agent for Prisoners of War

An Order for the Master Attendent to collect 40 Pilots, and bear them for victu[a]ls on board the Le Conception Hulk.

Dated 15th May 1782

An Order for a Survey on Beef, Pork, butter and Flour on board His Majestys Ship Unicorn; directed to the Masters of His Majestys Ships Formidable, Fame, Alcide, Royal Oak, and Hercules or any three of them, the master of the Formidable being One.

By Sir Geo: Bridges Rodney Bart K B
&ca &ca &ca

The great loss of men in the late Action with the Enemys Fleet, rendering it necessary that their loss should be repaired in the best manner possible; And whereas I judge it absolutely necessary that those ships bound with the Convoy to England, should spare part of their Comp^s for so necessary a purpose.

You are therefore hereby required and directed, to discharge from the supernumerary List, and the ships Books of His Majestys Ship under your Command, all the Supernumeraries (not including invalids) and as many men from the End of the Ships Books, taking them as they run, as will then leave Six hundred Men Officers and Servants included on the ships Books, for which this shall be your Order.

Given under my hand on board his M. S.
Formidable 15th May 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Lewis Robt. Allen Esqr
Naval Store keeper

By Sir G: Bridges Rodney Bart. K B &c &c &c

Whereas several of H. Majestys Ships under my Command are in want of Long Boats which there is a strong probability may now be procured from ships going home in the ensuing Convoy.

You are hereby required and directed as expeditiously as possible to look out for and purchase on the best and cheapest terms they can be procured, Six or Eight Long Boats (if so many are to be got) for the use of such of His Majestys Ships as may be in want thereof for which this shall be your Order.

Given under my hand on board His
Majestys Ship Fo[r]midable 15th May 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captain Cowling
of His Majestys Ship the Sandwich

By Sir George Bridges Rodney Bart. K. B
&ca &ca &ca

Notwithstanding your Orders of this day to discharge as many Men from the end of your Ships Books only taking them as they run, as will the[n] leave Six hundred men, Officers and Servants, included on the ships Books.

You are to include the Men named in the Margin,[1] as part thereof, upon preferment.

Given under my hand on board
H. M. S. Formidable in Port Royal
Harbour Jamaica 15th May 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captn Cowling
of His Majestys Ship the Sandwich

By Sir Geo: Bridges Rodney Bart K B &ca
&ca &ca

Whereas I have appointed Captn Rodney from the Sibyl, to the Command of His Majestys Ship Anson at present in the detached Squadron of His Majestys Fleet under your Command, which ship is now Commanded by Capt. Longcraft.

You are hereby required and directed to cause Captn Rodney [to] take possession of the Anson and to carry along with him from the Sibyl the men he has my Orders for, and to give Capt Longcraft an order to command the Sibyl till his juncture with me, with which ship and the remainder of the Squadron you are to join me, as expeditiously as possible, at this Place; leaving the Anson

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[1] Jas. Gray } Q^{r}M^{rs} — Wm: Walton at ye Hos Q^{r}M^{r}
Jno Walker } — Robt. Lamping Q^{r} M^{r}
Thos. Randall G^{rs} Mate — Wm. Stokes Cox. Pin^{ce}
Law^{ce} Power C.F.Castle — Wm. Thompson Q^{r} M^{r}
Jno Limbery F. Castle — Geo: Lock

under the Command of Captn Rodney to pursue the orders he would otherwise have been under on board His Majestys Ship the Sybil.

Given under my hand on board His M. S.
Formidable 15th May 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Commodore Affleck

May 15th 82. An Order for Captn Christian to put himself under the Command of Rear Admiral Rowley and follow his orders for his future proceedings.

An Order to Captn Molloy, to discharge from his Majestys Ship Intrepid under His Command into His M: Ship Russel Surgeon's 1st Mate.

Dated 16th May 1782.

May 16th 1782 An Order to Captn Saumarez to Discharge from His Majestys Ship Russel under his command, Mr Jas. Martyn Surgeons 1st Mate into His Majestys Ship Formidable

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By Sir Geo: Bridges Rodney Bart K. B.
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Whereas there is a want of medical asistance at the Hospital at Port Royal from the late encrease of Patients

You are hereby required and directed to asist as mate of the said hospital in administering medecines and dress-

ing sores as you shall be directed by the Physician and Surgeon. For which this shall be your Order.

Given under my hand on board H. M. S. Formidable 16th May 1782

To Mr Wm: Lagan
Surgeon's Mate

By Sir George B. Rodney Bart K. B.
&ca &ca &ca

Whereas Captain Barbor has represented to me by letter of this date that the thirteen men named in the margin [1] belonging to His Majestys Ship Alfred under his command have been represented to him by his Surgeon to be in such a situation from the nature of their wounds and other Complaints as to be unserviceable in the Country and therefore fit objects for being surveyed.

You are hereby required and directed to repair on board the said Ship, and take a strict and careful Survey, into the State and Condition of the said Men, and whether they are proper Objects for being Invalided or not report^g to me under your hands accordingly.

Given &ca &ca &ca 16th May 82

G. B. Rodney

To The Physician of the Fleet,
& Surgeons of His Majestys Ships [blank]

By Sir George Bridges Rodney Bart. K. B.
&c. &c. &c.

Whereas it is necessary for His Majesty's Service that the Invalided seamen should be sent home, in the returned Transports, and I have ordered the Jason sailing

[1] John Gording, Wm. Manning, Robt: Houshold, Wm. Lloyd, Pat^k Fowler, Hump^s Laxford, Jere^h Pitman, Mich^l Crabb, Alex^r Beattie, Wm. Evans, And^w Creighton, Jos. Dorrington, Jas. Holmes

with the present Convoy, to receive as many as she can conveniently carry, which will be about One hundred and Forty.

You are hereby required and directed to furnish the Master of the said Transport with necessary money for the said Invalids to the number of One hundred & forty men, for three Months conformable to the Custom of the Service in like cases.

Given under my hand &ca &ca &ca
Formidable 16th May 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Mr: Coverdale
Agent to the Contractor Jamaica

By Sir George Bridges Rodney Bart: K. B.
&c. &c. &c.

You are hereby required and directed to proceed with His Majesty's Sloop under your Command with all the dispatch possible, off the Isle of Vache on the South side of St. Domingo and deliver the inclosed Dispatches to Rear Admiral Drake who you will find cruizing of[f] that I[s]land but should you fall in with the Prince William you are to deliver the Dispatches to her Captain, who is immediately to rejoin me in this Harbour.

Given under my hand on board His M. S.
Formidable in Port Royal Harbour Jamaica
16th May 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captain Marcom [*sic for* Markham]
of His Maj. Ship Zebra

By Sir George Bridges Rodney Bart. &ca &ca

Whereas it has been represented to me, that His Majestys Sloop Martin is in a very bad condition

You are hereby required and directed to repair on board the said Sloop, and there take a Strict and Carefull

Survey of her and to report to me from under your Hands the real Condition you shall find her in.

Given under my hand &ca &ca &ca
16th May 82

G. B. Rodney

To the Master Builder and his Assistant

May 17th 82 An Order to Captain Ailmer to discharge the Able shipwright named in the margin [1] from H. M. Sloop Porcupine under his command into His Majestys Ship Sandwich

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By Sir George Bridges Rodney Bart. K. B.
&ca &ca &ca

Whereas there has been a very gross neglect in not keeping the proper Buoys as was formerly done upon the sholes and dangerous Places, at and about the Harbours of Port Royal and Kingston, and the watering the Fleet has not only been greatly retarded, but the ships endanger'd for want of them

You are hereby required and directed, as expeditiously as possible, to cause Buoys to be laid on such Places where they were formerly, or where it may be necessary for the safety of the shipping, particularly those passing and repassing from hence to Rock fort to Water. And in Case there should not be Buoys, of a proper kind, at present in store; You are to place occasional ones, till such as are proper can be made, for which the Master Shipwright has my Orders.

Given under my hand on board His M. S.
Formidable &ca 17th May 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Mr: Willm Forfar
Master Attendant
Jamaica

[1] The name was not copied into the Order-Book. Ed.

By Sir George Bridges Rodney Bart. K. B.
&c &c &c

Whereas it is of the utmost Consequence that Buoys should be placed on the dangerous shoals and places at and about Kingston and Port Royal Harbours, which has been long grossly neglected, and I have given Orders to the Master Attendant to place them accordingly

You are hereby required and directed should there not be proper Buoys already in store for that Purpose, to cause as many as shall be wanted to be made in a proper manner, as expeditiously as possible, supplying him in the mean time with shuch [*sic*] as can be furnished without delay.

Given under my hand on board His M. S.
Formidable &ca 17th May 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Mr. Alex^r Innes
Master Shipwright
Jamaica

May 17th 1782. An Order for a survey on Beef and Flour on board His Majesty's Ship Royal Oak, directed to the Masters of His Majestys Ships Alcide, Centaur, Hercules, and Fame or any Three of them.

May 17th 82. An Order to the Honble Captn Windsor, to discharge from His Majestys Ship Leostaffe [*sic*] under His Command into His Majesty's Ship Ville de Paris, Forty Men taking them as they run on the Ships Books beginning at the latter end thereof.

A Simelar Order to Captn Nugent of H. M. S. Pomona to discharge Thirty men into His Majestys Ship Ville de Paris.

17th May 82

May 17th 1782. An Order for Captain Wilkinson of His Majestys Ship Prothee to put himself under the Command of Rear Admiral Rowley and follow his Orders for his Future proceedings.

A Simelar Order to Captain Bromedge of His Majestys Ship the P^ss^ Caroline

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By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. K. B. &c &c &c

Whereas 'tis necessary for His Majestys Service that the Provisions on board His Majestys Ship Caton should be surveyed in Order that what may be found serviceable, may be left in the Charge of the Purser, and the species of Provisions not used in His Majestys Navy to be delivered into the Charge of the Agent, for the Captors. You are hereby required and directed to repair on board the said ship, and there take a strict and careful survey on the Provisions remaining on board, leaving what is serviceable in Charge of the Purser (of which you are to take an Account) and what is otherwise in that of the Agents, reporting to me from under your hands your proceedings therein

Given &ca &ca &ca 17th May 82
For the Admiral

CHAR[L]ES DOUGLAS

To The Masters of His Majestys Ships Formidable, Alcide, Centaur, Royal Oak & Fame or any three of them

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A Similar Order for a Survey on the Provisions on board the Jason, Hector, Ville de Paris, Amiable, Ardent & Glorieux, directed to the masters of His Majestys Ships Formidable, Centaur, Alcide, Royal Oak & Fame or any three of them. 17th May 1782

By Sir George Bridges Rodney Bart. K B
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You are hereby required and directed to received [*sic*] on board His Majestys Packett under your Command, Lieutenant McDowel, who is charged with my Publick Dispatches and to land him at the first convenient Port you shall be able to make in England, in Order to his proceeding from thence to the Admiralty therewith as expeditiously as possible.

Given under my hand &ca &ca &ca 17th May 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captain [blank]
of His Majestys Packett [blank]

By Sir George Bridges Rodney Bart K B &c &c
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You are hereby required and directed to proceed immediately in His Majestys Schooner under your Command off Cape Francois in the Iland of St Domingo and there to reconnoitre the same making all the Observations you shall with safety be able to do on the strength of the Place the number & Force of their ships, and whatever else you may think, can be of Consequence for me to be informed of, and having so done to rejoin me as expeditiously as possible in this Bay.

Given under my hand on board His Majestys
Ship Formidable in Port Royal Harbour, Jamaica,
18th May 82

G. B. Rodney

To Lieut: Perkins
of His Majestys Schooner Endeavour

May 18th An Order for Captain Thomas of His Majestys Ship Pallas to put himself under the Command

of Rear Admiral Rowley and follow his Orders for his future Proceedings.

18th May 1782 An Order for Captn Saumarez to Discharge from his Majestys Ship Russel under his Command all the Supernumeraries borne upon his Books into his Majestys ship L'Hector.

By Sir George B. Rodney Bart K B. &c &c &c

You are hereby required and directed to proceed with His Majestys Sloop under your Command and attend Vice Ad^{l} Sir Peter Parker with the Convoy, to what distance he shall think most proper in order to take out the Pilots belong^{g} to His Squadron and return with them to this Port.

You are to put yourself under his Command and follow his Directions for your further proceedings.

Given under my hand on board His Majestys
Ship Formidable in Port Royal Harbour,
Jamaica 18th May 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captn Miller
of his Majesty's Sloop Alert

By Sir Geo: Bridges Rodney Bart. K B
&ca &ca &ca

You are hereby required and directed to call before you Mr William Grumley a Midshipman on board His Majestys Ship Formidable, and examine him, touching his qualification to serve in His Majestys Navy as a

Lieutenant, and to report to me by certificate, under your hands accordingly.

Given under my hand on board &ca &ca
May 18th 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captain Buckner,
Wilson,
Savage,
Charrington

Pursuant to an Order from Sir George Bridges Rodney Bart. K. B. Admiral of the White and Commander in Chief &ca &ca &ca

We have examined Mr William Grumley and it appears to us that he is upwards of Twenty Years of Age, and that he has served in His Majestys Ships under mentioned Viz:

Ships	Entry	Quality	Discharge	Time			
				Years	Mon.	Weeks	Days
Midway	21st Sept. 1775	Cap^{s} Servt	19th Nov. 1778	3	2	–	4
Namur	20th Nov: 1778	Ord.	2 April 1779	–	4	3	1
Berwick	3 April 1779	Able	5th December "	–	8	3	2
Sandwich	8 Dec:	Able	16th Dec. "	–	–	1	2
Ajax	18 "	Mid^{s}	31st May 1780	–	5	3	5
Grafton	6th June 1780	"	21st Aug. 1781	1	2	3	–
Dunkirk	28 Aug. 1781	"	12th Dec. 1781	–	3	3	2
Formidable	12th Dec. 1781		14th April 1782	–	4	1	5
				6	7	–	–

He produceth Journals kept by himself, a Certificate from the Navy Office for Five years Eleven months and three weeks of the above time and Certificates from Captains Melegen [*sic for* Milligen] and Seymons [*sic for* Symons] for the rest, and of his sobriety, diligence and Obedience to Command. He can Knott, Reef a Sail, Work a Ship in Sailing, Shift his Tides, keep a reckoning of a ships way by plain Sailing or Mercator, Observe by sun, or Star, find the Variation of the Compass and is qualified to do the Duty of an Able Seaman or Midshipman.

Dated [blank]

By Sir George Bridges Rodney Bart: K. B.
&ca &ca &ca

Whereas great delay has been made in the delivery of the Stores at Greenwich, particularly Spars and Masts, so much wanted in Refitting the Fleet under my Command, which delay has proved very detrimental to His Majestys and the Publick Service.

You are hereby required and directed to take to you[r] assistance the Captains named in the Margin [1] or any two of them and proceed to the store ships, and the Stores at Greenwich, where you are to make the strictest enquiry into the Reason, or Cause of delay, and to report to me if the Store keeper or his Clerks are to blame, or absent themselves from their duty.

You are to give every direction you think necessary relative to the speedy supply, or issuing of the Stores, particularly that of Masts and spars, which are to have the preference of all others. You are to Examine the Stores on Shore and particularly if they are properly disposed, and in case you find, the Store houses where the masts and spars are deposited are Lumbered with other Stores you are to order them to be immediately removed, that no delay may be made in the issuing the masts Yards and Spars for the Use of the Fleet, and you are to acquaint the storekeeper that I expect that either himself or his Clerks give constant attendance in order to their being Issued. That His Majesty's Service may meet with no delay. You are to go upon this duty twice at least every week, and make a report to me if any delay is made, or the Directions you are pleas'd to give are disobeyed. You are to show this Order to the Storekeeper that he may know it is by my directions you are sent to expedite the Publick Service.

Given under my hand &ca &ca &ca 19th May 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captn Barber
of His Majestys Ship Alfred

[1] Cap^n Saxton, Cornwallis, Gardner, Thompson, Parry, Williams, McNemara

Cancel'd

By Sir Geo: Bridges Rodney Bart. K. B.
&c. &c. &c.

Captain Barbor of His Majestys Ship Alfred having by Letter dated May 18th 1782 desired I will give orders for a Court Martial being assembled, to try Mr. Benjamin Hallowell Second Lieutenant of the said Ship under his Command for Neglect of Duty.

You are hereby required and directed to assemble a Court Martial as soon as conveniently may be, and try the said Lieutenant Benjamin Hallowell on the above mentioned Charge of Neglect of duty, reporting to me under your Hands the proceedings and Sentence of the Court Accordingly.

Given under my hand &ca &ca &ca 19th May 1782

G. B. Rodney

Cancel'd

By Sir George Bridges Rodney Bart. K B
&ca &ca &ca

You are hereby required and directed to proceed with his Majestys Ship under your Commander, with Sir Peter Parker and the Convoy, and having accompany'd them thro' the Gulph, you are to pursue the Seald Orders, you will receive herewith (which you are not to open till then) for your further proceedings.

Given &ca &ca 19th May 82
G. B. Rodney

To Captn Wilkinson
of His Maj: Ship Prothée

By Sir George Bridges Rodney Bart. K B
&ca &ca &ca

You are hereby required and directed to discharge from His Majestys Ship under your Command, Mr. Alex^r

Home Surgeon's 3d Mate, into His Majestys Ship Royal Oak, and there to Act as 2d 'till further Orders.

Given &ca &ca &ca 19th May

G. B. Rodney

To Captn Wilkinson
of His Majestys Ship Prothée

19th May 1782. An Order for a Survey on Cables and Boatswains Stores on board His Majestys Ship Salamander, directed to the Masters of His Majestys Ships Formidable, Montagu, Nestor, Champion & Prothee or any three of them.

20th May 1782 An Order for a Survey on Boatswains Stores on board His Majestys Ship Centaur, directed to the Masters of His Majestys Ships Fame, Alcide, Hercules, P^ce George & Ajax or any three of them

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By Sir George Bridges Rodney Bt. &ca &ca &ca

Whereas it has been represented to me, that the Surgeon appointed to take care of the Invalids embarked for England, stands in need of asistance from the extraordinary trouble in dressing the number of sores, with which the said invalids are affected.

You are hereby required and directed to asist the said Surgeon in dressing the wounds and administering the medicines necessary on the passage to England, & you are to be allowed two shillings and six pence Sterling per day from the date of this 'till your arrival in England, for which this shall be your order.

Given &ca 21st May 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Mr Morris Bowen
hereby appointed asistant to the Surgeon
of the Jason Transport

By Sir George Bridges Rodney Bart. K B &ca &ca &ca

Captain Wells of His Majestys Ship Champion having represented to me by letter of this date, that the lower rigging of that ship is decayed and not fit for service, requesting a survey thereon. You are hereby required and directed to repair on board the said ship and there take a strict and Carefull survey on the lower rigging Complained of, reporting to me your proceedings thereon.

Given under my hand on board H. M. S. Formidable 21st May 82

G. B. Rodney

To The Masters of His Majestys Ships Ajax, Centaur Fame, Alcide, and Invincible or any three of them

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By Sir George B. Rodney Bart. K B &c &c &c

Captain Wells having represented to me by Letter of this days date, that Mr Jn° Edmonds, Carpenter of His Majestys Ship Champion under his Command, is so bad of a sore leg, as to render him unfit for doing his duty and in his opinion will not get the better of it in this Country and request^s a survey on him,

You are therefore hereby required and directed to go on board the said ship and there take a strict and careful survey of the above mentioned Mr Jn° Edmonds, reporting to me under your hands your proceedings therein.

Given &ca 21st May 1782

G. B. Rodney

To The Physician of the Fleet
and the Surgeons of His Majestys Ships Formidable, Duke, & Namur & Canada

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21st May. An Order for a Survey on Provisions, Slops, & Pursers necessaries on board His Majestys Fire Ship the Alecto & directed to the Pursers of His Majestys Ships Arrogant, Anson, Valiant, Conqueror or any three of them

21st May 1782 An Order directed to the Physician of the Fleet and Surgeons of His Majestys Ships, Canada, Ajax, and Formidable, to Survey Lieutenant Ca^s Lane of His Majestys Ship the Conqueror.

21st May 82 An O[r]der to Captain Saumarez of His Majestys Ship Russel to receive on board Lieutenant Chas. Lane of His Majestys Ship Conqueror and Carry him to England.

By Sir George Bridges Rodney Bart. &ca &ca &ca

Notwithstanding my former Orders not to victual any Prisoners, you may have on board His Majestys Ship under your Command, at more than the usual allowance of $\frac{2}{3}$'s of all species of Provisions.

You are hereby authorized and directed, when the Prisoners you have now on board, to carry to England, shall in your opinion deserve the same, by assisting in working & Pumping the Ship, to put them at whole allowance, or the same that your own ships Company shall be at.

Given under my hand on board His Majesty's
Ship Formidable in Port Royal, Jamaica,
21st May 82

G. B. Rodney

To Captn Saumarez
of His Majesty's Ship Russel

21st May 1782 An Order for a Survey on Boatswains Stores on board His Majestys Ship Yarmouth, directed to the masters of His Majestys Ships, Montagu, Tobago, Salamander.

21st May 1782. An Order for a Survey on Gunners Stores on board His Majestys Ship Namur, directed to the Gunners of His Majesty's Ships Formidable, Duke, Canada, and Centaur or any three of them.

21st May 1782 An Order for a Survey on Sails, Standing and Running Rigging on board His Majestys Ships Torbay, directed to the Marsters of His Majestys Ships, Alcide, Prince George, Royal Oak and Ajax or any three of them.

21st May 1782. An Order for a Survey on Boatswains Stores on board His Majestys Ship Namur, directed to the Masters of His Majestys Ships Arrogant, Anson, Valiant and Conqueror or any three of them

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21st May 1782. An Order to supply His Majestys Ship Pallas with a further supply of Surgeons necessaries for three months, her Complement being 240 Men, directed to the Naval Storekeeper Jamaica.

By Sir George B. Rodney Bart. K. B.
&ca &ca &ca

You are hereby required and directed to discharge from His Majesty's Ship under your Command into His Majestys Ship Formidable Mr. Thomas Eyre Hinton on Preferment.

Given &ca &ca &ca 21st May 82

G. B. Rodney

To Captn Wilkinson
Prothee

By Sir George Bridges Rodney Bart. &ca &c &c

Notwithstanding any former Orders you are hereby required and directed to proceed in his Majestys Ship under your Command and join Rear Ad[l] Rowley whom you will find cruizing between the Island of Navassa and Cape Nicholas, follow[g] his Orders for your further Proceedings.

Given under my hand on board H. M. S. Formidable 21st May 82

G. B. Rodney

To Capt[n] Wilkinson
of His Majestys Ship Prothee

21st May 1782. A simelar Order to Captain Thomas of His Majestys Ship Pallas.

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22 May 1782. An Order for a survey on Powder and Gunners Stores on board His Majestys Ship St Albans, directed to the Gunners of His Majestys Ship Anson, Conqueror, Repulse & Bedford or any three of them.

By Sir Geo: Bridges Rodney Bart &ca &ca &ca

You are hereby required and directed to receive into your Charge all the Prisoners sent on board His Majestys Fireship under your command taking particular care that they are kept in proper security.

Given under my hand on board H. M. S. Formidable 22d May 82

G. B. Rodney

To Capt[n] Deacon
of His M. Fireship the Salamander

By Sir Geo: Bridges Rodney Bart. &ca &ca &ca

You are hereby required and directed to receive from His Majestys Ship P^ce^ George, One French Prisoner an Engineer, in order to his being carried to England, and delivered into the Charge of the Agent for Prisoners there.

Given &ca 22d May 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captn Saumarez
of His M. Ship Russel

22d May 1782. An Order to Captain Jepson of His Majestys Sloop Port Morant to discharge from his Majjestys Sloop under his Command the Pilot he has on board, into His Majesty's Sloop Germaine.

22d May 1782 An Order to Supply the Champion Captain Wells with a further supply of Surgeon's necessaries for three months her Complement being 160 Men. Directed [*sic*] to Lewis Robert Allen Esqr Naval Storekeeper Jamaica

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By Sir George B. Rodney Bart. K. B. &ca &ca

Whereas Powder is much wanted for the use of His Majestys Ship under my Command, and there is a great Quantity remaining on board the different Prizes in this Harbour.

You are hereby required and directed to receive the same, and to cause the Agents for the Captors to be paid for it, taking care that it does not exceed the Current Price for that article, which Powder you are to issue to

the Gunners of the Fleet, as the same shall be demanded, taking proper receipts for the delivery thereof.

Given under my hand &ca &ca &ca 22d May 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Robt: Benton Esqr
Ordnance Storekeeper
Jamaica

By Sir George B. Rodney Bart: K. B.
&c. &c. &c.

Whereas I have thought proper for the more speedy reffitting the Fleet under my Command to Depute Rear Admiral Sir Samuel Hood to conduct that duty,

You are hereby required and directed to follow his Orders and Instructions for that purpose.

Given under my hand &ca &ca &ca 22d May 1782

G. B. Rodney

To The respective Officers
of His Majesty's Yard
Port Royal

By Sir George Bridges Rodney &ca &ca &ca

You are hereby required and directed to put yourself under the Command of Rear Admiral Sir Samuel Hood and follow his Orders for your further Proceedings.

Given under my hand on board His Majestys
Ship Formidable in Port Royal Ha[r]bour,
Jamaica 22d May 1782

G. B. Rodney

To the Captains of His Majesty's Ships as ☞ margin [1]

[1] Yarmouth, Fame, Namur, Conqueror, Nestor, Barfleur, Arrogant, Alcide, Monarch, Torbay, Valiant, Shrewsbury, Invincible, Bedford, P^ce George, Canada, Royal Oak, Alfred, Ajax, Duke, Centaur, Repulse, Resolution, St. Albans

22d May 1782. An Order to Captain Cornish of His Majestys Ship Arrogant to discharge Mr. Mathew Maidman Midshipman into his Maj[s] Ship Formidable.

By Sir George Bridges Rodney Bart.
&ca &ca &ca

Whereas there is want of medical Assistance at the hospital at Port Royal, from the encrease of Patients.

You are hereby required and directed, to assist as mate of the said Hospital, in administering medicines and dressing Sores, as you shall be directed by the Physician, and Surgeon for which this shall be your Order.

Given under my hand on board H. M. S.
Formidable, 22d May 82

G. B. Rodney

To Mr. Robt. Boulton
hereby appointed to act as Surgeon's mate
of the Hospital at Port Royal ('till further Orders)

By Sir George Bridges Rodney Bart. &c &c &c

You are hereby required and directed to proceed with His Majestys Sloop under your Command and join Vice Admiral Sir Peter Parker at Bluefields, and bring back with all the Dispatch you can, the late Capt: of the Ceres a Nephew of Admiral Vaudrieul.

Given under my hand &ca &ca &ca 22d May 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Capt[n] Ball
of His Majesty's Sloop Germaine

By Sir George B. Rodney Bart. K. B. &c &c &c

Whereas the continual fatigue I have undergone for some time past has considerably prejudiced my health and requires that I should remain on there for some short time in order to recruit it.

You are therefore hereby required & directed to take under your command all His Majestys Ships now Refitting at Port Royal & Greenwich or any that may Arrive, and hasten their Equipment with all possible Dispatch.

You will please to give such directions for the Refitting the Fleet, as to you shall seem most proper, all the Officers both Military and Civil, having my Orders to ob[e]y your Commands.

Given &ca &ca 22d May 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Rear Ad[l] Sir Sam[l] Hood &ca &ca &ca

By Sir George B. Rodney Bart. K B &c &c &c

Whereas Capt[n] Charrington has represented to me that the leaks of His Majestys Ship Ajax under his Command has so considerably increased as to render the Health of the ships Company very Dangerous, unless some method is taken to stop them.

You are therefore hereby required and directed to repair on board the said ship and examine carefully into her state reporting to me if you find her in the Condition as represented reporting to me under your hands, your proceedings thereon.

Given &ca &ca &ca 22d May 1782

G. B. Rodney

To The Master Builder, & the Carpenters of His Majesty's Ships Formidable, Barfleur & Ville de Paris

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By Sir Geo B[r] Rodney &c. &c. &c.

Whereas, there is a great want of Water Casks for the use of the Squadron under my Command, and the Contractor unable to supply the demands so speedy as the Service requires and being informed, you have under

your Charge a Quantity of Staves and hoops returned from the Squadron and there being no regular Co[o]perage belonging to His Majesty at this Port.

You are therefore hereby required and directed, to cause all such staves and hoops, as you have in charge, (and can be made serviceable) to be set up into water Casks, which you are to supply to His Majestys Ships as Commanded, taking proper Receipts from the pursers for the same, And you are in the execution of this service, to use the greatest frugality in the price given for the setting up of the said Water Cask, and to procure regular vouchers for your proceedings for which you are to draw bills, on the Commissioners for Victualling His Majesty's navy, at Thirty days sight for the Amount.

Given under my hand on board His Majesty's Ship Formidable, 22nd May 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Mr John Willis
Agent Victualer, Kingston, Jamaica

By Command of the Admiral

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23d May 1782 An Order to Mr [blank] Heighington to Act as Master of His Majestys Ship Duke untill further Orders.

By Sir George Bridges Rodney Bart. &c &c &c

You are hereby required and directed to proceed with His Majestys Ship under your Command, taking with you any ships hom[e]ward bound that may be ready, and join Sir Peter Parker at Blue fields proceeding with him & the Convoy to England & follow his Orders for your further proceedings.

Given &ca &ca 23d May 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captn Saumarez
Russel

23d May 1782. An Order granted for a Survey on Boatswains Stores on board His Majesty's Ship St. Albans, directed to the Master of the Formidable & Masters of His Majestys Ships Agamemnon Prothee & Unicorn or any two of them.

By Sir George Bridges Rodney Bart: &c &c &c

You are hereby required and directed to Order your Boatswain to supply His Majestys Ship Formidable with One hawser of 4½ inches and Three of 4 Inches, Two Coils of 3 Inch rope, and Six of 2½ Inch, Causing him to take proper receipts for the same.

Given under my hand on board His Majesty's Ship Formidable 23d May 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captn Saumarez
of His Majesty's Ship Russel

23d May 1782. A Simelar Order to that of Mr Webb's, to The Carpenter of the Barfleur to act as Builders Assistant, till further Orders.

23d May 1782. An Order granted for a survey on the remains of Boatswains Stores on board His Majestys Ship Duke, directed to the Boatswain of the Fame, Hercules, Centaur and Alcide or any three of them.

23d May 1782. An Order for a Survey on the remains of Boatswains Stores, on board His Majestys Ship Agamemnon, directed to the Boatswains of His Majestys Ships P^ce George, Invincible, Canada and Champion or any three of them.

Full title

Whereas the Ship ye Count d'Estaing, hath been represented to me as a Vessel in every respect qualified for His Majestys Service and fit to be put on the Establishment of a Sloop,

You are therefore hereby required and directed to repair on board the said ship, and take a very Minute & careful Survey of Her Hull Masts and Yards, reporting to me from under your hands the State, and condition thereof, and whether in your Opinions she is fit for his Majestys Service, and to be put on the Establishment of a Sloop, Strictly Complying with the Form of a Survey (sent you by the Navy Board) taken of a Ship at His Majestys Yard at Portsmouth.

Given &ca &ca &ca 23d May 1782

G. B. Rodney

To The Master Shipwright and Foreman of Port Royal Yard, and the Carpenters of His Maj^s Ships Formidable & Barfleur

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The Full Title

Whereas I have thought it necessary for His Majestys Service that the following Line of Battle Ships, lately Captured Viz: La Ville de Paris, L'Hector, Le Glorieux, Ardent, Le Jason, Le Caton and L'Aimable Frigate, should be purchased into His Majestys Service, and have given Orders for the Master Shipwright, and Master Attendant, to Survey and Value, what comes within their provinces.

You are therefore likewise hereby required and directed, to repair on board the said Ships respectively, and there carefully to Survey the Canon, Armes, Ammunition and Gunners Stores, in General in Order to such as shall be found serviceable being delivered into the Charge of the Gunner of the said ship; which Stores, you are to value agreable to the prescribed Rules of the Ordnance (if such are laid down) or else to Value the Same between

the Crown and the Captors in the most impartial manner taking particular care that Government be not charged at more than the ordinary price for the same.

Given under my hand &ca &ca &ca
in Port Royal Harbour, Jamaica
23d May 1782.

G. B. Rodney

To Robt: Benton Esqr
Ordnance Storekeeper & Gunners of
the P^{ce} George and Royal Oak

The Full Title

Whereas I have thought it necessary for His Majestys Service that the following French Line of Battle Ships lately captured Viz: Ville de Paris, L'Hector, Le Glorieux, Ardent, Le Jason, Le Caton, and L'Amiable Frigate should be purchased into His Majestys Service,

You are therefore hereby required and directed to repair on board each of the said ships respectively and there take a minute and carefull Survey of the Hull, Masts and Yards, report^{g} to me under your hands their state and Condition and to put an impartial Valuation thereon strictly complying with the Form of a Survey (sent you by the navy board) taken on a Ship at His Majestys Dock Yard at Portsmouth.

Given under my hand &ca &ca &ca
23d May 1782.

G. B. Rodney

To Mr Alex^{r} Innes
Master Builder the Foreman of ye Yard,
& the Carpenters of the Shrewsbury or
Invincible & the Carpenters of the Respective Ships

By Sir George B. Rodney Ba^{t} &ca &ca &ca

Whereas the ship Hercules has been represented to me as a Vessel in every respect qualified for His Majestys Service, and fit to be put on the establishment of a Sloop

You are therefore hereby required & directed to repair on board the said ship, and take a very minute and carefull survey of Her Hull Masts and Yards reporting to me from under your hands, the state and condition thereof, and whither in your Opinions she is fit for His Majestys Service, and to be put on the establishment of a sloop, strictly Complying with the Form of a Survey (sent you by the Navy board) taken of a Ship at his Majestys Yard at Portsmouth.

Given under my hand on board H. M. S.
Formidable in Port Royal Harbour,
Jamaica, 23d May 1782

G. B. Rodney

To The Master Shipwright and Foreman of Port Royal Yard, and the Carpenters of His Majestys Ships Formidable and Barfleur

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By Sir George Bridges Rodney &c &c &c

Whereas the Ship Arrow has been represented to me, as a Vessel in every respect qualified for His Majestys Service, and fit to be put upon the establishment of a Sloop.

You are therefore hereby required and directed, to repair on board the said Ship, and take a very carefull and minute Survey on the Hull, Masts and Yards, reporting to me from under your hands, the state and condition thereof; and whither in your opinions, She is fit for his Majestys Service, and to be put on the establishment of a sloop, strictly complying with the form of a Survey (sent to you by the Navy Board) taken of a ship at His Majestys Yard at Portsmouth.

Given under my hand &c &c 23d May 1782

G. B. Rodney

To The Master Shipwright, & Formeman of Port Royal Yard & the Carpenters of His Majestys Ships Formidable & Barfleur

A Simelar Order to survey the Hercules

By Sir Geo: B. Rodney Bart. K: B: &c &c &c

Whereas the ship Arrow has been represented to me as a proper Vessel, to be taken into His Majestys Service as a Sloop of War You are hereby required and directed, to repair on board of the said Ship, & there carefully to survey the Cable, Sails, running and Standing rigging and every species that comes under the denomination of Boatswains Stores that may be on board, which you are to value in the most impartial manner, taking care that Gorvernment [*sic*] is not Charged at more than a reasonable Price for the same, reporting to me accordingly.

Given under my hand &c &c 23d May 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Mr. William Forfar
Master attenda[n]ts of His Majesty's Yard Port Royal and Master of H. M. S. Formidable

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A Simelar Order to Survey the Hercules

The Full Title

The Arrow having been surveyed and reported to me as a proper Vessel to be taken into His Majestys Service as a sloop of War.

You are therefore hereby required and directed to repair on board the said Ship and there carefully to survey the Cannon, Arms & amunition and all other species of Gunners Stores, that may be on board of her, which you are to Value in the most impartial manner tak^s particular care that Government is not charged at more than the Ordinary price for the same reporting to me under your hands accordingly

Given under my hand &c &c 23d May 1782

To Robt Benton Esqr
Ordnance Storekeeper

23d May 1782 A Simelar Order to Survey the Gunners Stores on board the Hercules directed to Mr. Benton Ordnance Storekeeper Jamaica

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The Full Title

Whereas I have thought it necessary for His Majestys Service that the following French Line of Battle Ships lately captured Viz. Ville de Paris, L'Hector, Le Glorieux, Ardent, Le Jason, Le Caton, and L'Amiable Frigate should be purchased into His Majestys Service, and have given Orders with proper Assistants to survey the Parts thereof which come within their Provinces

You are therefore Hereby required and directed to repair on board each ship respectively and there take a Minute and careful Survey of the sails and Rigging, Cables & Ropes and whatever belongs to your Province to survey and to report to me under your hands their state and Condition, in order that such stores as are servicible may be delivered into the Charge of the Boatswains, which Stores you are to value taking Care that the Rules laid down by the navy board (if such there are) to be followed therein, or else that Government is by no means imposed on in the said valuation

Given under my hand &ca &ca &ca
24th May 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Mr: Forfar
Master Attendent & ye Masters of the Shrewsbury or Invincible and the Masters of the respective Ships

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The Full Title

Whereas the Race Horse Schooner has been represented to me to be a fit Vessel to be employed in Watering his Majestys Fleet from Rock Fort, which Vessels are greatly wanted

You are hereby required and directed to repair on board the said Schooner and take a Strict and Carefull Survey on her, reporting to me from under your hands whether in your opinions she is fit for the above service, and the money you value her at, strictly Complying with the form of a Survey (sent you by the navy board) taken of a Ship at His Majesty's Yard Portsmouth.

Given under my hand &c &c &c in Port Royal Harbour Jamaica 24th May 1782

G. B. Rodney

To The Master Shipwright & Foreman of the Yard & Carpenters of H. M. S's [blank]

The Full Title

Whereas I have thought fit to order Captain Markham Commander (by Order) of His Majestys Sloop Zebra, to be suspended in Order to his being tried at a Court Martial for his behaviour to a french flag of Truce Brig named the Defiance.

You are hereby required and directed on the Arrival of the Zebra Sloop at Port Royal, to assemble a Court Martial, so soon as it can conveniently be done, and try the said Captain Markham her Commander on a Complaint exhibited against him, by Mo[n]sieur Gaston Lieutenant in the French Navy, who was charged with dispatches to me from Admiral Vaudreuil and Monsieur Allemand Chateauneuf Captain of the Flag of Truce Brig and report to me the Proceedings and Sentence of the Court Accordingly.

Given under my hand &ca &ca &ca 24th May 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Sir Samuel Hood Bart. Rear Ad[l] of the Blue &ca &ca &ca

Memorandum

Formidable 24th May 1782

It is the Admiral's directions, that all the Men and Officers of the Royal Artillery, who were taken on board the French Fleet, be immediately and without Loss of time, sent on board the P^ss^ Caroline, should she not be ready to receive them, the Lieut. Ag^t^ for Transports is instantly to receive them on board some of the Transports. And it's the Admirals directions that the Transp^t's^ Boats do attend to Embark them; it is the Admirals directions likewise that the Company of Grenadiers belonging to the Reg^t^ of Armagnac who were taken on board the Ville de Paris, be likewise Embarked without delay. If they are not already sent in the Ships to Great Britain.

To the Agent for Transports, Jamaica.

By Sir Geo: Rodney Bart. K. B. &ca &ca &ca

Whereas I have thought it necessary for His Majesty's Service to put the Ville de Paris (lately Captured from the French) into Commission; of which ship I have appointed you Captain, and I have prescribed her Complement to be that of a First Rate Mounting 100 Guns, with a Complement of 800 Men, Officers an[d] Servants included, as specified in the annexed List.

You are therefore hereby required and directed to use the utmost Dispatch, and every exertion in your Power towards manning and Equipping His Majesty's said Ship for Sea, making proper and timely demands for the Stores and Provisions &c necessary to that Purpose and to report to me daily your progress therein.

Given under my hand &ca &ca &ca
24th May 1782.

G. B. Rodney

To Captn Curgenwen
to His Maj: Ship Ville de Paris

List of Officers and Men Established as the Complement of His Majesty's Ship Ville de Paris

	No.		
Captain	1	Gunner	1
D° Servants	32	D° Servants	2
Lieutenants	7	D° Mates	4
D° Servants	7	Yeomen of the Powder Room	2
Master	1	Quarter Gunners	25
D° Servant	1	Armourer	1
Chaplain	1	Gunsmith	1
D° Servant	1	Carpenter	1
Masters Mates	6	D° Servants	2
Midshipman	24	D° Mates	2
Capt$^{n's}$ Clerk	1	D° Crew	12
Quarter masters	8	Purser	1
Ditto mates	6	D° Servant	1
Boatswain	1	D° Steward	1
D° Servant	1	Stewards Mate	1
D° Mates	4	Cook	1
Yeomen of the Sheets	4	D° Servant	1
Coxwain	1	Surgeon	1
Master sailmaker	1	D° Servant	1
D° mate	1	D° Mates	5
D° Crew	2	Master at Arms	1
		Corporals	2
		Trumpeter	1

Total Commission, Warrand, and Petty Officers &c &c	182
Seamen	478
Marines	140
Complement	800

Cancelled

The Full Title

Whereas I have thought necessary for His Majestys Service to put L'Aimable (lately Captured from the

French) into Commission, of which Ship I have appointed you Captain, and I have prescribed her Complement to be that of a Fifth Rate, mounting Thirty two Guns, with a Complement of Two hundred & Twenty, Officers and servants included.

You are therefore hereby required and directed to use the utmost dispatch, and every exertion in your power towards manning and Equipp^{g} His Majestys said Ship for Sea, making proper and timely demands for the Stores and Provisions &ca. necessary to that purpose, and report to me daily your progress therein.

Given under my hand on board H. M. S.
Cancelled Formidable in Port Royal Harbour
Jamaica 24th May 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captain Hood
of His Majestys Ship L'Aimable

Cancelled

List of Officers and Men Established as the Complement of His Majesty's Frigate L'Aimable

Captain	1	Coxwain	1
d° Servants	8	Master Sailmaker	1
Lieutenants	2	d° Mate	1
d° Servants	2	d° Crew	1
Master	1	Gunner	1
d° Servant	1	d° Servants	2
Masters Mates	2	d° Mate	1
Midshipmen	6	Yeoman of the Powder room	1
Captains Clerk	1	Quarter Gunners	8
Schoolmaster	1	Armourer	1
Quarter Masters	3	Carpenter	1
d°	3	d° Servants	2
Boatswain	1	d° Mate	1
d° Servants	2	d° Crew	4
d° Mates	1		
Yeomen of the Sheets	2		

Purser	1	Master at Arms	1
d° Steward	1	Corporal	1
d° Servant	1	Trumpeter	1
d° Stewards mate	1		
Cook	1	Total Commiss[d] & Petty Officers &c.	75
d° Servant	1	Seamen	95
Surgeon	1	Marines	50
d° Servant	1		
d° Mates	1	Whole Comp[t]	220

Cancelled

The Full Title

Whereas I have thought necessary for His Majestys Service to put the Glorieux (lately Captured from the French) into Commission, of which Ship I have appointed you Captain, and I have prescribed her Complement to be that of a Third Rate Mounting Seventy four Guns; with a Complement of Six hundred Men, Officers and Servants included as specified in the annexed List.

You are therefore hereby required and directed to use the utmost dispatch, and every exertion in your power towards manning and equipping His Majestys Said Ship for Sea, making proper and Timely demands for the Stores and Provisions &ca Necessary to that purpose and Report to me Daily your Progress therein.

Given under my hand &c &c &c 24th May 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captain Douglas
of His Majestys Ship Glorieux

List of Officers and Men established as the Complement of His Majestys Ship the Glorieux

Captain	1	Master	1
D° Servant	24	D° Servant	1
Lieutenants	5	Chaplain	1
D° Servants	5	D° Servant	1

Masters Mates	3	d° Mates	1
Midshipmen	14	d° Crew	8
Capt^us^ Clerk	1	Purser	1
Quarter masters	6	D° Servant	1
D° Mates	4	d° Steward	1
Schoolmaster	1	d° Mate	1
Boatswain	1	Cook	1
d° Servants	2	d° Servant	1
d° Mates	2	Surgeon	1
Yeomen of the Sheets	4	d° Servant	1
Coxwain	1	d° Mates	3
Master Sail Maker	1	Master at Arms	1
d° Mate	1	Corporals	2
d° Crew	2	Trumpiters	1
Gunner	1		
d° Servants	2	Total Commiss^d^ & Petty Officers &c	135
d° Mates	2	Seamen	341
Yeomen of the Powder Room	2	Marines	124
Quarter Gunners	18		
Armourer	1	Whole Complement	600 Men
Carpenter	1		
d° Servants	2		

24th May 1782. A Simelar Order (to the preceeding One) granted Captain Bourchier of His Majesty's Ship L'Hector, with the same establishment of Men and Officers, as the Complement of said ship.

24th May 1782. A Simelar Order, granted Captain Fisher of His Majestys Ship Caton, Only differing in this, that his Complement is 500 Men including Officers and Servants, his Servants 20, & Quarter Gunners 16.

24th May 1782. A Simelar Order to Captain Merrick of His Majestys Ship Jason.

24th May 1782. A Simelar Order, to Captain Keppel of His Majestys Ship Ardent.

The Full Title

Whereas I have thought necessary for His Majestys Service to put L'Aimable (lately captured from the French) into Commission of which ship I have appointed you Captn and I have prescribed her Complement to be that of a Fifth Rate mount^{g} Thirty Eight Guns with a Complement of Two hundred and Fifty seven, Officers and Servants included.

You are therefore hereby required and directed to use the utmost dispatch, and every exertion in your power towards manning and Equipping his Majestys said Ship for Sea, making proper and timely demands for the Stores and Provisions &ca necessary to that purpose and report to me daily your Progress therein.

Given under my hand on board H. M. S.
Formidable 24th May 82

G. B. Rodney

To Captain Hood
of His Majestys Ship L'Aimable

List of Officers and men Established as the Complement of His Majestys Frigate L'Aimable

Captn	1	Master Sailmaker	1
d$^{o's}$ Servants	10	d^{o} Mate	1
Lieutenants	2	d^{o} Crew	1
d^{o} Servants	2	Gunner	1
Master	1	d^{o} Serv^{s}	2
d^{o} Servant	1	d^{o} Mate	1
Master's Mates	2	Yeoman of the Powder room	1
Midshipman	6	Quarter Gunners	9
Capt$^{n's}$ Clerk	1	Armourer	1
Schoolmaster	1	Carpenter	1
Quarter Masters	3	Ditto Servant	2
ditto Mates	3		

Boatswain	1	Carpenters Mate	1
d° Servants	2	d° Crew	4
d° Mates	1	Purser	1
Yeoman Sheets	2	d° Servant	1
Coxwain	1	d° Steward	1
		Stewards Mate	1
		Cook	1
		d° Servant	1
		Surgeon & Servant	2
		d° Mates	2
		Master at Arms	1
		Corporal	1
		Trumpeter	1
		Totall Commiss^{d} War^{t} Petty Officers &c	79
		Seamen	128
		Marines	50
		Whole Comp^{t}	257

The Full Title

You are hereby required and directed to assemble a Court Martial as soon as possible may be and Try the following Officers (Viz) William Tahourdin Commander of the Oronoque, Francis Pender of the Berbuda, Lawrence Graham of the Sylph, John Douglas Brisbane of the Rodney, & Christmas Paul of the Stormont, for not defending the Colonies of Demerara and Esequibo, and giving up to the enemy His Majestys Ships and Vessels under their respective commands without defending them, and report to me the Proceedings, and Sentence of the Court Accordingly.

Given under my hand &c &c &c
27th May 1782 G. B. Rodney

To Sir Samuel Hood Rear Ad^{l} of the Blue &ca: &ca: &ca:

By Sir George B. Rodney &ca &c &c

You are hereby required and directed immediately, to put the Company of His Majesty's Ship under your Command, to $\frac{2}{3}$ds allowance of Bread, 'till further Orders.

Given under my hand on board H. Majesty's Ship Formidable in Port Royal Harbour, Jamaica 27th May 1782

G. B. Rodney

To the Captns of His Majesty's Ships as ☞ Margin [1]

By Sir George B. Rodney Bart: &ca &ca &ca

Whereas it is necessary that His Majestys Fleet under my Command should be refitted with the utmost dispatch;

You are hereby required and directed to employ as many Blacksmiths, at Kingston to perform the necessary work as may be wanted for ye refitting of His Majestys Ships at Greenwich and Rock Fort.

Given under my hand &ca &ca 27th May 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Lewis Robt Allen Esqr
Naval Storekeeper
Jamaica

By Sir George Bridges Rodney Bart. &ca &ca &ca

You are hereby required and directed to proceed immediately with His Majestys Ship under your Command

[1] Formidable, Barfleur, Princessa, Bedford, Conqueror, Marleboro', Ville de Paris, Glorieux, L'Hector, Jason, Caton, Ardent, Alcide, St. Albans, Hercules, Yarmouth, Nonsuch, Anson, Fame, Canada, Invincible, Montague, Pce William, Torbay, Pce George, Resolution, Agamemnon, Namur, Repulse, America, Magnificent, Royal Oak, Ajax, Valiant, Duke, Centaur, Monarch, Arrogant, Bellequeux, L'Aimable, Zebra, Champion, Tickler, Unicorn, La Nymph, Alfred, Shrewsbury, Martin, Germaine

and such Flags of Truce as may be ready, and to use your utmost endeavours to overtake the Convoy which Sailed from Blue fields yesterday, but in Case you should not overtake them, you are to accompany the Flags of Truce to the Northward of Bermudas, proceeding yourself to England.

You are to receive on board such French Officers and Soldiers as may be sent on board you, to Victual them at 2/3^{ds} allowance and on your arrival at Spithead to deliver them into the Charge of the Agent for Prisoners of War.

Given under my hand on board His M. S.
Formidable 27th May 1782

G. B. Rodney

To C^{n} Bromedge
of His Majesty's Ship P^{ss} Caroline

By Sir George B. Rodney Bart: K. B. &c &c &c

Whereas I have thought it necessary for His Majestys service, to put the following ships lately Captured from the French into Commission with an establishment to each as hereunto annexed Viz. La Ville de Paris, as a First Rate of 100 Guns and 800 Men, The Glory and Hector as Third Rates of 74 Guns and 600 men, the Caton, Ardent & Jason of Third Rates of 64 Guns and 500 Men and L'Aimable as a fifth Rate of 32 Guns and 228 Men.

You are hereby required and directed to regard them as ships of War belonging to His Majesty and you are in your respective departments to cause them from time to time to be supplyed with Stores, necessaries and Provisions &c: on the same being first Properly demanded for which this shall be your Order

Given under my hand &ca 27th May 82

G. B. Rodney

To The Storekeeper & Officers
belong^{g} to His Majestys Yard
Jamaica

By Sir George B. Rodney Bart: &ca &ca &ca

Complaints having been made by the French Prisoners of their not being properly treated by the Commissary for Prisoners of War, at Kingston.

You are hereby required and directed to take to your asistance two senior Captains either at Rock fort or Greenwich and make a strict and carefull enquirey into the situation and treatment of the said Prisoners, as well those confined within the Prisons as those on their Parole; whether they have just cause for Complaint or not and to report to me under your hands accordingly.

Given under my hand &ca &ca &ca 27th May 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Commodore Affleck
and two Senior Captains

27th May 1782 An Order to Captain John Stephen Hall, to act as Captain of His Majestys Ship Anson 'till further Orders.

By Sir George B. Rodney Bart: &ca: &ca: &ca:

Lieutenant George Tripp late of His Majesty's Ship Marlborough, now of the Formidable having represented to me by Letter of this date, that Lieutenant J. Gardiner, also of His Majesty Ship Marlborough did on the 14th of April on board the Formidable falsly and scandalously asperse his Character respect^{g} his Behaviour in the Action with the French Fleet on the 12th of that Month and that he hath since proceeded in an unofficer like manner in Order to procure Evidence to support his scandalous and malicious aspersions, requesting a Court Martial to be held on the said Lieutenant John Gardiner, for his false scandalous and un Officer like behaviour in malitiously aspersing his Character & his un Officer like behaviour in the matter since.

You are hereby required and directed as soon as conveniently may be, to assemble a Court Martial & try the

said Lieut[t] John Gardner on the Charge exhibited against him up in the said Letter which is herewith inclosed, and to report to me the Proceedings and Sentence of the said Court Accordingly.

Given under my hand &ca &ca &ca
28th May 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Sir Samuel Hood Rear Adm[l] of the Blue &ca: &ca: &ca:

By Sir George B. Rodney Bart: K B &c &c &c

Captain Savage having represented to me, that Captain Walsingham Dowdeswell of Marines belonging to His Majestys Ship the Hercules under His Command is from his ill state of health render'd incapable of duty in this Climate; request[s] I will please to Order him to be surveyed.

You are hereby required and directed to repair on board the said ship, and take an impartial Survey on the State of Health of the said Captain Dowdeswell of Marines, reporting to me from under your hands accordingly.

Given under my hand &ca &ca &ca 28th May 1782

G. B. Rodney

To The Physician of the Fleet and the Surgeons of the Formidable and Duke or any two of them

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Mem[dm]

Formidable Port Royal Harbour Jamaica
29th May 1782

Mr Steven Attley Contractor for Supplying His Majesty's Fleet under my Command with Fresh Beef having Represented to me that he labours under great inconvenience from the Pursers of the Respective Ships not signing his Vouchers in due time, And having before received Complaints of the same nature.

It is therefore my positive directions that the Pursers of His Majestys Ships under my Command sign Mr Attleys Vouchers for the Quantity of Fresh Beef they have been Supplied, when they are presented, without sufficient reason for not complying therewith.

G. B. Rodney

To The Respective Pursers of His M. Ships
at Jamaica

The Full Title

The Count D'Estaing having been surveyed and reported to me as a proper vessel to be taken into His Majesty's Service as a Sloop of War,

You are hereby required and directed to repair on board the said Ship and there carefully to survey the Cannon, Arms, ammunition and other species of Gunners Stores that may be on board of Her, which you are to value in the most impartial manner, taking particular care, that Government is not charged at more than the Ordinary price for the same, reporting to me under your hands accordingly.

Given under my hand on board His M. S.
Formidable 29th May

G. B. Rodney

To Robt Benton Esqr
Ordnance Storekeeper

By Sir George B. Rodney Bt. &c &c &c

Whereas you have represented to me that most of the Water Casks on board His Majesty's Ship Glorieux under your Command are in very bad Order, and there being no Cooperage of His Majesty's at this Port that can immediately perform it.

You are hereby required and directed to Order your Purser to hire a sufficient number of Coopers to repair

the said Casks with the utmost dispatch, for which he is to draw bills on the Victualling Board.

Given under my hand &ca 29th May 1782

G. B. RODNEY

To Captn Cadogan
of His Majesty's Ship Glorieux

The Full Title

Whereas I have thought it necessary to send Part of the French Prisoners captured by His Majesty's Fleet under my Command to France in the Hope fitted as a Cartel for that Purpose.

Permission is hereby granted to the said Vessel whereof James Parry is Master, navigated by ten Men to proceed to any Port in France Northward of Cape Finisterre without Molestation or Hindrance, and the Captains and Commanding Officers, of His Majestys Ships & Vessels, and Masters of Privateers are hereby directed to regard her as a Cartel Accordingly as they will answer the Contrary at their peril.

Given &c &c &c 31st May 1782

G. B. RODNEY

A Similar one to the John & Bella, Chris^{r} Priestman Master, navigated by twelve Men. dated 31st May 1782.

A Similar one to the Paliser Willm Smith Master Navigated by 21 Men 31 May.

A Similar Order to the Triumverate Wm Hine Master navigated by thirteen Men. 31 May 1782.

Full title

Whereas I have thought it necessary for His Majestys Service to put the Port Royal (lately bought into the Service) into Commission, of which Sloop I have ap-

pointed you Captain, and I have prescribed her Complement to be that of a [blank] Rate mounting Fourteen Guns with a Complement of Eighty Men Officers and Servants included.

You are therefore hereby required and directed to use the utmost dispatch, and every exertion in your power towards manning and equipping his Majestys Said Sloop for Sea making proper and timely demands for the Stores and Provisions &ca necessary for that purpose, and reporting to me Daily your progress therein.

Given under my hand on board His Majestys Ship Formidable Port Royal Harbour Jamaica [blank] June 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captain Hart
of His Majestys Sloop Port Royal

List of Officers and Men Established as the Complement of His Majestys Sloop the Port Royal

Captain	One	Gunner	One
Captain's Servants	Two	Gunner's Servant	One
Lieutenants	One	d$^{o's}$ Mate	One
Lieutt^{s} Servants	One	Yeomen of the Powder Room	One
Master	One	Quarter Gunners	Two
d^{o} Servant	One	Armourers	One
d^{o} Mate	One	Carpenter & Servt	Two
Midshipmen	Two	d$^{o's}$ Mates	One
Captn Clerk	One	d$^{o's}$ Crew	Two
Quarter Masters	Two	Purser & Servt	Two
Quarter Mrs Mates	One	Cook & Servt	Two
Boatswain	One	Surgeon & Servt	Two
d^{o} Servant	One	Surgeons Mate	One
d^{o} Mate	One	Master at Arms	One
Coxwain	One		
Sailmaker	One	Total Commd & Petty Officers	40
d$^{o's}$ Crew	One	Seamen	40
		Whole Complt	80

The Full Title

Whereas the Ship Count d'Estaing has been Surveyed and reported to me as a proper Vessel, to be taken into His Majesty's Service as a Sloop of War.

You are hereby required and directed, to repair on board of the said Ship, and there Carefully to Survey the Cables, Sails, the Running and Standing rigging, and every other species that comes under the denomination of Boatswain Stores, that may be on board, which You are to Value in the most impartial manner, taking care that Government, is not Charged, at more than a reasonable price, for the Same, reporting to me accordingly.

Given &c &c &c Kingston Harbor
Jamaica, 1st June 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Mr Willm Forfar
Master Attendant of His Majesty's Yard
Port Royal.

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. &c &c &c

You are hereby required and directed, to call before you Mr [blank] Power belonging to His Majesty's Ship Princessa, and examine him, touching his Qualifications to serve in His Majesty's Navy, as a Lieutenant, and to report to me by Certificate, under your hands accordingly.

Given &c &c &c 1 June 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captain [blank]

By Sir George B. Rodney Bart: &c &c &c

You are hereby required and directed to proceed with the French Officers, you received on board as also Captain Merrick charged with my Dispatches to the Marquis de Vandreuil as a Flag from Hence to Cape Francois, bring-

ing Back with you Captn Merrick and what Dispatches he may be charged with, and you are on no Account either on your Passage to, or from Cape Francois, to commit any Acts of Hostility, untill you shall have rejoined me.

Given under my hand &c &c 1st June 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captain Ball
of H. M. Sloop Germaine

By Sir George B. Rodney Bart. &c &c &c

You are hereby required and directed to repair on board His Majestys Sloop the Germaine and proceed in her to Cape Francois with my dispatches which will be delivered to your herewith, to the Marquis de Vandreuil, and having delivered the same and received any he may have to send back, to rejoin me in the said Sloop at this Harbour.

Given under my hand &ca &ca in Kingston Harbour 1st June 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captain Merrick

By Sir George B. Rodney Bart: &c &c &c

Whereas you have represented to me in your letter of Yesterday's date, that several Certificates for Pilotage have been presented to you for payment, for carrying His Majestys Ships into Port Royal Harbour, up to Rock fort &ca: in the Names of the Master, Master's Mates, or other inferior Officer or Seaman, belonging to such ships, and that you are forbid by the Navy Board, to pay any allowance whatever for Pilotage, on Certificates made out in the Names of such Masters &ca: or in which they have an Interest.

You are hereby required and directed (in consequence of the great danger His Majesty's Ships are Subject to

from the want of a sufficient number of Able Pilots, to perform the said Duty) to pay all Pilot Certificates that may be presented to you, without attending to the Quality of the Person who performs this very necessary Service provided the same is approved by me or by my direction.

Given under my hand &c &c 1st June 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Lewis Robt: Allen Esqr
Naval Storekeeper
Jamaica

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bt K B. &ca &ca &ca

Whereas it has been represented to me, by the Master Shipwright of His Maj: Yard, that His Maj: Ship Invincible is at Present found so Leakey that the Seamen on board are not able to keep her pumps going

You are hereby required & directed to Employ as Many Negroes as the Above Service r[e]quireth at the Cheapest Rate possibly and to bear them on a Supernum[er]ary List for Provisions. For which this shall be your Order taking care that you discharge Such Negroes as where employ'd as soon as the above Leaks are Stopt.

Given under my hand on board His Maj: Ship Formidable, in Port Royal Harbour Jamaica 2nd June 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captain Charles Saxton
of His Maj: Ship Invincible

Cancelled

By Sir George B. Rodney Bart: &c &c &c

Whereas there is represented to me to be now on board the Conception a Spanish Prize in this Harbour, a Quantity of Powder which Mr: John Robertson Agent

for the said Prize represents to be of a good Quality and fit for His Majestys Service.

You are hereby required and directed to survey the said Powder and if found as Represented to purchase the same (it being wanted for His Majestys Ships under my Command) taking Care that Government is by no means charged more than the ordinary Price and producing proper vouchers for the same.

Given &ca &ca 6th June 1782

Cancelled G. B. Rodney

To Robt Benton Esqr
Ordnance Storekeeper
Jamaica

7th June 1782 An Order to the Honble Captn Cadogan to bear all such supernumeraries as may from time to time be sent on boar[d] His Majestys Ship Glorieux on a separate List, Victuallg them as his Ships Company, exceptg Prisoners of War who are to be Victualled at two thirds allowance of all species.

By Sir Geo. Bridges Rodney Bart. K. B. &c &c &c

Whereas the situation of my health, will not allow me to attend to business of any sort at present.

You are hereby authorized and requird to give such orders as may appear to you necessary and right, to every publick Officer in this Island, respecting the refitting of the Fleet, the disposal of the French prisoners, and for the proper regulation of the Hospital and sending home the wounded & unserviceable men and on all other occasions for the Kings Service, for which this shall be your Order.

Given under my hand on board His Majestys Ship
the Formidable Kingston Harbour 7th June 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Sir Samuel Hood Bart: Rear Adl of the Blue &c &c &c

By Sir George B. Rodney Bart: &c &c &c

Whereas my ill state of Health made it necessary for me to reside on shore,

You are hereby required and directed to obey whatever orders may be directed to you by Rear Admiral Sir Samuel Hood, for which this shall be your authority.

Given under my hand &ca &ca 8th June 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Lewis Robt. Allen Esqr
Naval Storekeeper
Jamaica

By Sir George B. Rodney Bart: &c &c &c

Whereas the Conception a large Spanish ship has been survey'd by my order and declared a proper Ship to make a Hulk of which at this time is very much wanted here, and I have agreed for the purchase of the Ship at the sum of one Thousand Pounds Sterling to be converted to that necessary Purpose.

You are hereby required and directed to cause the Agent for the Captors of the said ship Mr. John Robinson of Kingston to be paid the above mentioned sum of One Thousand Sterling for her accordingly, drawing on His Majestys Navy Board and producing regular Vouchers for the same.

Given under my hand on board H. M. S. F.
in Port Royal Harbour Jamaica 8th June 1782

G: B: Rodney

To Lewis Robt Allen Esqr
Naval Storekeeper
Jamaica

By Sir George Bridges Rodney Bart. &c &c &c

Whereas you have represented to me by Letter of this date that there are a great number of unserviceable Paper

Cartridges returned to your Office from the different ships under my Command, which can be of no use if returned to England and from which the Office is endangered on Account of Fire, requesting leave to destroy the same, when an account is taken thereof from the respective Gunners.

You are hereby authorized and directed for the sake of Prevention against the Danger of Fire (provided no inconvenience shall accrue to the service therefrom) to destroy the same, an account thereof being first taken from the respective Gunners and transmit the same to the Ordnance board.

Given under my hand &ca &ca 9th June 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Robt Benton Esqr
Ordnance Storekeeper
Jamaica

The Full Title

Whereas I have thought proper to give Mr: Thomas Morgan, Purser of His Majesty's Ship the Ville De Paris under your Command, leave to be absent from his duty, to attend Rear Adl Drake as His Secretary;

You are hereby required and directed to dispense with his Absence from the said Ship accordingly; and to receive on board Mr: John Wallis; who is appointed to Act as his deputy, in her in his stead.

Given &ca &ca 10th June 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captn Curgenven
of H. M. Ship Ville de Paris

By Sir George B. Rodney Bart: &c &c &c

Whereas I have thought proper to give Mr: Thomas Morgan Purser of His Majestys Ship the Ville de Paris

leave to be absent from His Duty to attend Rear Admiral Drake as his Secretary.

You are hereby required and direct[ed] to repair on board the said Ship, and there Act as Deputy Purser during his Absence.

Given under my hand on board H. M. S.
Formidable in Port Royal Harbour Jamaica
10th June 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Mr John Wallis
hereby appointed to Act as Deputy Purser of the Ville de Paris

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11th June 1782. An Order to Captain Penny of His Majestys Ship Marlboro' to discharchge from the said ship in to His Majestys Ship Formidable on Preferment, Mr. William Coghlan.

By Sir Geo: B: Rodney Bart. K. B. &c &c &c

Whereas fast sailing vessels are much wanted to carry on the communication between North America and the different parts of the West Indies, In Pursuance of Directions from their Lordships to purchase such when necessary, and Whereas the Prize Ship Count D'Estaing of Fourteen Guns, has been represented to me as fit for that purpose, and Her Hull, Masts, Yards, and Rigging: as she now stands having been surveyed by proper Officers and declared worth the sum of One Thousand Seven hundred, and Eighty nine Pounds nine Shillings and two Pence three farthings, Currency.

You are hereby required and directed to pay Mr: Thomas Weir the Agent for the said Ship the Sum above mentioned, for which you are to draw on His Majestys

Navy Board, taking care to produce regular vouchers for the same.

Given under my hand &ca 12th June 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Lewis Robt: Allen Esqr
Naval Storekeeper
Jamaica

By Sir George B. Rodney Bart. &c &c &c

Whereas the Lieutenant Governor [Campbell] of this Island has represented to me by letter of this date, that a Quantity of Copper is wanted to compleat His Majestys Gun Boats in this Harbour and requested that some of the returned Copper from His Maj^{s} Ships (which will answer that purpose) may be supplied.

You are hereby required and directed to supply the superintendant of the said Gun Boats with as much of the returned Copper as may be necessary for that use, taking proper receipts for the same.

Given under my hand &ca &ca 12th June 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Lewis R^{t} Allen Esqr
Naval Storekeeper
Jamaica

By Sir George Bridges Rodney &c &c &c

Whereas I have purchased into his Majestys Service the Count D'Estaing Privateer which I have called the Port Royal, the Sundry Iron Ordnance and Ordnance Stores on board, which are fit for his Majestys Service do by the Inventory and Valuation thereof Amount to the Sum of Two hundred and thirty Six Pounds, Sixteen Shillings and Seven Pence Sterling.

You are hereby required and directed to pay to Mr Thos. Weir the Agent for the said Prize the Sum of Two

hundred and thirty Six Pounds Sixteen Shillings and Seven pence Sterling for the said Ordnance and Ordnance Stores, taking proper Vouchers for the same, which stores you are to deliver into the Charge of the Gunner of the said Ship and to compleat her Proportion thereof as a Sloop in His Majestys Service of 14 Guns and Eighty men.

Given under my hand on board H. M. S.
Formidable in Port Royal Harbour Jamaica
12th June 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Robert Benton Esqr
Ordnance Storekeeper
Jamaica

By Sir George B. Rodney Bart: K. B. &c &c

Whereas I have thought it necessary to purchase int His Majestys Service the following Ships of War, Captured from the French on the 12th of April last Viz^t La Ville de Paris, Le Glorieux, St. Hector, and Ardent, the Ordnance and Ordnance Stores on board which, represented fit for His Majestys Service, have on the Inventory and Valuation, taken thereof, been Estimated at Sixteen thousand Two hundred and Forty pounds Ten Shillings Sterling Viz^t

La Ville de Paris	£5046	5	0
Le Glorieux	3982	7	11
L'Hector	3752	3	6
Ardent (including 55 Barrels of Gun powder left in charge of the Gunner)	3459	13	7
Total	£16,240	10	0

You are hereby required and directed, to Pay the Agents for the said Prizes the above sum of Sixteen Thousand Two hundred and Forty pounds Ten Shillings,

for the Ordnance and Ordnance Stores above mentioned, for which you are to draw Bills on the Master General of the Ordnance taking care to receive and Transmit, proper Vouchers, for the same, and to deliver the said Ordnance, and Ordnance Stores into the Charge of the Gunners of the respective Ships, which Stores you are to compleat agreable to their different Rates, as expeditiously as possible, they being wanted for immediate Service.

Given under my hand &c 13th June 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Robert Benton Esqr
Ordnance Storekeeper
Jamaica

By Sir George B. Rodney Bart. &c &c &c

Whereas I have thought it necessary to purchase into His Majestys service the following Ships of War Captured from the French the 20th of April last Viz^{t} Le Caton, Le Jason, L'Aimable the Ordnance and Ordnance Stores on board which, represented fit for His Majesty's Service have on the Inventory and Valuation taken thereof, been estimated at Five thousand, Five hundred and Eighty four pounds, Sixteen Shillings and Ten pence Sterling Viz^{t}

Le Caton	£2528	8	8
Le Jason	1948	7	1
L'Aimable	1108	1	1
	£5,584	16	10

You are hereby required and directed to pay the Agents for the said prizes, the above sum of Five thousand five hundred and Eighty four pounds, Sixteen Shillings and Ten pence Sterling, for the Ordnance and Ordnance Stores, abovementioned, for which you are to draw Bills on the Master General of the Ordnance &ca taking care to receive and Transmitt proper Vouchers for the same,

and to deliver the said Ordnance and Ordnance Stores, into the Charge of the Gunners of the respective Ships, which Stores you are to Compleat agreeable to their different rates, as expeditiously as possible, they being wanted for immediate Service.

Given under my hand &c &c 13th June 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Robt: Benton Esqr
Ordnance Storekeeper
Jamaica

By Sir George B. Rodney Bart: K. B. &c &c &c

You are hereby required and directed to discharge from His Majesty's Ship under your command, the three Men named in the Margin [1] into the Ville de Paris.

Given under my hand &ca. 15th June 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captain [blank]
of His Majestys Ship Alfred

By Sir George B. Rodney Bart. K. B. &c &c &c

You are hereby required and directed to put yourself under my Command, and to follow my orders for your further proceedings.

Given under my Hand on board the Formidable
Port Royal Harbour Jamaica 22nd June 1782

To Captn Lesslie
of His Majestys Ship Preston

A Semiliar Order to the Captain of the Dolphin.

[1] Henry Sheldrake Stew^{d}, John Hood, Cooper, F. Taper, Stew^{ds} mate

By Sir Geo. B. Rodney Bart K. B. &c &c &c

You are hereby required and directed to discharge from His Majestys Ship under your Command the person named in the Margin [1] into His Majestys Ship Licorn.

Given under my Hand on board His Majesty's Ship the Formidable.
Port Royal Harbour Jamaica.

To Captn Buckner
of H. M. Ship Royal Oak

22d June 1782. An Order to Captain Penny of His Majestys Ship Marlboro' to discharge from his M. Ship under his Command Mr James McCully into the Formidable

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Sir

Agreeable to your Order of the 20th Inst: to us directed We have strictly enquired into the Cause of the extraordinary and dangerous riot which happened at Port Royal on the 19th between the hours of 9 and Eleven at Night, and find (upon close investigating the same) the outrages committed on that night originated with a midshipman and Boats Crew of the Anson together with a young man who writes under the Captn's Clerk of His Majestys Ship Hercules.

Given under our hands at Port Royal
22d June 1782

C Saxton
W. Cornwallis
A: Gardner

Wrong Book

Port Royal Jamaica 23d June 1782

Sir

I beg leave to acquaint you, that agreeable to Orders from Admiral Sir Peter Parker, I sailed from Jamaica

[1] William Brooks

in His Maj^{s} Armed Schooner Jackall on the 11th March with dispatches for Sir Samuel Hood, or the Commanding Officer of His Majestys Fleet at the Windward Islands also dispatches from Lieut: Governor Campbell, to the Command^{g} Officer of the Troops at those Islands.

On the 25th March after parting company with the Proserpine Captn Taylor, with whom I sailed through the Caicos passage, we found our foremast and main mast very dangerously sprung, the former about three feet above the Deck the Latter in two places, One about 5 & the other 12 feet above the Deck. The Exigence of the service I was sent on not admitt^{g} of my returning, I had the Mast fished and secured in the best manner I could; but found them insufficient to bear topmasts the weather favour[ed] our situation very much during the rest of our passage. At 2 P. M. on the 11th of April being in the Latitude of Barbadoes saw a Sail in the N E Quarter, which I judged to be a large ship, who immediately gave chase to us, made all the sail we could from her, and Steered S S W with the wind at E b S at half past 7 after her firing some bow chases under English Colours, we hoisted our Ensign, when from a vast superiority of her going, she soon came up with us and hoisted American Colours; and after destroy^{g} all the Publick as well as private papers, that could have given the Enemy any information, I was under the necessity of Striking to so superior a force; she proved to be the Deane Rebel Frigate of 30 Guns. The 2d of May we fell in with an English Cartel, twenty five Leagues to the Westward of Barmuda, was sent in her with my Officers and thirty Men, to proceed to that Island; where we arrived on the 3d from whence I have taken the earliest opportunity of joining the Fleet.

I am Sir Yours &ca

Gust^{s} Logie

Sir George Bridges Rodney Bart. &c &c &c

By Sir George B. Rodney Bart: &c &c &c

Whereas His Majestys Ship Shrewsbury has been reported to me, from her weakness that she is unable to Cross the Atlantic in her present State unless her lower deck guns are taken out

You are therefore required and directed to cause all the lower Deck guns on board the s^{d} ship under y^{r} command with their carriages to be forthwith sent on board H. M. S. the Ville de Paris in order to their being carried to England tak^{g} care proper receipts are passed for the same.

Given under my hand &c &c 23d June 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captn Coffin
of His M. Ship Shrewsbury

By Sir Geo: B. Rodney Bart: K. B. &c &c &c

You are hereby required and directed to receive on board His Majestys Ship under your Command all the Lower Deck Guns with their Carriages, belonging to His M's Ship Shrewsbury giving proper receipts for the same, and on your arrival in England to deliver them into the Charge of the Ordna[n]ce Storekeeper.

Given under my hand &c &c 23d June 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captn Curgenven
of His Majesty's Ship Ville de Paris

23d June An Order to Captain Leslie to put himself under Sir Geo Rodney's Command and follow his Orders for his further proceed^{gs}

By Sir Geo. Bridges Rodney Bart. &c &c &c

Whereas the greatest part of His Majesty's ships now in Port will be very Shortly going to sea.

You are hereby required & directed to cause the artificers belonging thereto to be paid such wages as shall be due to them for work done at this Port previous to their sailing.

Given under my hand &c &c 23d June 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Lewis R[t] Allen Esq[r]
Naval Storekeeper
Jamaica

By Sir George B. Rodney Bart: &c &c &c

Whereas the Commissioners of His Majestys Navy have represented to the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, the daily instances they have of Solicitations from Seamen discharged abroad unserviceable, for Payment of their Wages, without having documents to enable the Navy Board to reli[e]ve them.

You are therefore hereby required and directed in pusuance of their Lordships Orders to me of the 23d Aprile 1782 to be particularly careful when ever any men are so discharged from His Maj: Hospital here, to deliver to them their respective Tickets, and to send home Copies thereof by the first safe opportunity afterwards. And for the more effectual prevention of the hardship and injustice which the Parties may otherwise suffer to be particularly attentive to the following Rules Viz.

The Agents to cause the Tickets sent with the men from the Ships, to be entered in a book (to be kept for that purpose) with columns filled up in the same manner as in the Tickets.

When any men are discharged from the Hospital unserviceable, the Agents to cause the Tickets to be delivered to the said men with an admonition to take care of them as unless they are produced at the Navy Office, they cannot be paid the Wages to which they may be respectively entitled.

The Agents to send home the Commiss[rs] for taking care of the Sick and wounded Seamen, at the end of every three months, by some safe conveyance, a Copy of the Tickets which may have been so entered during that period, signed by the proper Officers of the Hospital, And at the end of every year to send home in like manner, a Copy of all Tickets entered during that period, to the end that the latter may serve to supply the want of any of the former which may have happened to miscarry.

Given under my hand on board H. M. S.
Formidable in Port Royal Harbour
Jamaica 23d June 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Mr Wm: Wood
Agent to the Hospital
Port Royal

23d June 1782. An Order for a further Supply of Surgeons necessaries on board the Ramilies for four months her Complement being 617 Men directed to the Naval Storekeeper.

An Order for a Survey on Boatswains Stores on board His Majestys Sloop the Martin directed to the Boatswains of His Majestys Ships the Namur, Duke, Fame, Hercules or any three of them. Dated [blank] 1782.

By Sir George Bridges Rodney Bart: &c &c &c

Whereas Mr Thomas Voller has represented to me by Letter dated 23d of this month that he is Purser by Appointment from the Admiralty of His Majestys Ship London, but that for the Accommodation of Mr: Geo: Graves Secretary to Rear Admiral Graves, he exchanged Duties with the said Mr. Geo: Graves Purser of the Bedford requesting as Rear Ad[l] Graves has shifted his Flag

on board another Ship and is going from this Country, he may be restored to his proper Ship the London.

You are hereby required and directed to receive the said Mr Thos: Voller as Purser of His Majestys Ship London agreeable to his appointment from their Lordships for that purpose.

Given under my hand &c &c &c 25th June 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captn Kempthorne
of His Maj^'s Ship the London

By Sir George B. Rodney Bart: K. B. &c &c &c

Whereas I have thought it necessary on the Application of Mr: Thos: Voller now acting as Purser on board His Majestys ship Bedford under your Command by exchange of Duty with Mr Geo: Graves, to order him back to the London, agreeable to his appointment from their Lordships You are hereby required and directed to discharge the said Mr. Thomas Voller from H. M. Ship under your Command for that purpose.

Given under my hand &ca 25th June 82

G. B. Rodney

To Captn Graves
of His Majestys Ship Bedford

By Sir George B. Rodney Bart: K. B. &c &c &c

You are hereby required and directed to receive on board His Majestys Pacquet under your Command, for a Passage to England, Captn Wells who is charged with my dispatches for the Lords of the Admiralty and to Land him in the first Port you can most convenient[l]y make

Given &ca 25th June 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captn [blank]
of His Majestys Pacquet [blank]

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart: K. B. &c &c &c

Captain Mariarty of His Majestys Ship Ramilies hav^{g} represented to me by Letter of yesterday's date, that the purser of her informed him, that there is a Quantity of Beef and Butter on board the said ship Unfit for Men to Eat, requesting a Survey thereon.

You are hereby required and directed, to repair on board the said ship, and there take a strict and carefull Survey Beef and Butter Complained of, and if found as represented you are to deliver the Butter into the Charge of the Boatswain and the Beef to be returned into Store, report^{g} to me from under your hands your proceedings therein.

Given &ca &ca 25th June 1782

G. B. Rodney

To The Masters of His Majestys Ships Hercules,
P^{ce} George, Marlboro' & Magnificent or any three of them

25th June 1782 An Order for a Survey on Men on board H. M. Ship Ramilies directed to the Physician of the Fleet and the surgeons of His Majesty's Ships Duke and Namur.

By Sir George B. Rodney Bart. K. B. &c &c &c

You are hereby required and directed to repair on board His Majestys Pacquet with My Dispatches, and on your arrival in England lose no time in proceed^{g} with them to the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty.

Given under my hand on board H. M. S.
Formidable 26th June '82

G. B. Rodney

To Captn Wells

By Sir George B. Rodney Bart: &c &c &c

Whereas you have represented to me that from the Strong Lee Current and H[e]avey Gales of Wind it has been impossible for you to join Rear Admiral Rowley.

You are therefore hereby required & directed as the Convoy from England is arrived, and it will be necessary for all the Ships to be compleated in their Stores and Provisions &ca to lose no time to join me with the Squadron under your Command in this bay and to dispatch the Tarter to Rear Ad[l] Rowley acquain[g] him 'tis my directions he returns also with the Ship under his Command.

Given under my hand on board His M. S.
Formidable in Port Royal Harbour Jamaica
26th June 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Rear Ad[l] Drake &ca &ca &ca

Ardent Port Royal Harbour Jamaica
26th June 1782

Sir

John Damarell the Boatswain of his Majesty's Ship under my Command having Sold a Graplin part of the stores committed to his charge, and two Boat Oars, To Thomas Paterson Master of the George Schooner, a Vessell employed for the purpose of bringing provisions to the Fleet, For a Pig two fowles and twenty Pounds of Sugar and being also repeatedly Drunk and unfit for duty.

I have therefore to request you will be pleased to apply to the Comm[r] in Chief to Order a Court Martial to be held to try him for the same.

I have the Honor to be &ca

Geo: Keppel

To Rear Ad[l] Sir Sam[l] Hood &ca &ca

The full title

Whereas Captain Keppel has requested an Order for a Court Martial to try John Damarell the Boatswain of His Majestys Ship Ardent under his Command for having Sold a Graplin and two Oars being part of the Stores Committed to his Charge, being also repeatedly Drunk and unfit for Duty, as is more particularly set forth in his Letter to Rear Ad[l] Sir Samuel Hood Bart. dated the 26th of this month which is herewith inclosed.

You are hereby required and directed to assamble a Court Martial as soon as conveniently may be to Try the said John Damarell on the Charge before mentioned, and to report to me the Proceedings and Sentence of the court Accordingly.

Given under my hand &ca 27th June 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Jos[a] Rowley Esq[r]
Rear Ad[l] of the Red &ca &ca &ca

The full title

Whereas Lieutenant Gustavas Logie late of His Majestys Armed Schooner Jackall has requested by his Letter of the 25th June 1782 that I will Order his Conduct to be enquired into respecting his being Captured by the Deane, Ameri[n] Frigate of thirty two Guns on the 11th day of April last, which Letter together with the narrative of his proceedings from the 11th March to the day he was taken is herewith inclosed.

You are hereby required and directed to assamble a Court Martial and enquire into the Conduct of the afore mentioned Lieutenant Gustavas Logie concerning the capture of the Jackal Armed Schooner by the D[e]ane American Frigate, and report to me the proceedings and sentence of the court accordingly.

Given under my hand &c &c

G. B. Rodney

To Rear Ad[l] Rowley &c &c &c

28th June 1782 An Order to examine Chx^r Wattson of the Arerica [*sic*] Touch^g his Qualifications to serve as Lieutenant in his Majestys Navy Directed to Captains [blank]

By Sir George Bridges Rodney Bart: &c &c &c

Whereas you have represented to me by letter of this date, that there are many Articles of Ordnance Stores for which frequent demands are made for the use of His Majesty's Ships under my Command which are not in store, requesting an Order for the Purchase of such as may be wanted to carry on the Service.

You are therefore hereby authorized and directed from time to time, occasionally to purchase all such Ordnance Stores as may be absolutely necessary for the Equipment of His Majestys Said Ships, till a further supply shall arrive from England, taking care that the same be done on the best and cheapest terms possible.

Given under my hand &c &c 28th June 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Robt: Benton Esqr
Ordnance Storekeeper
Jamaica

The Full Title

Whereas a very dangerous and alarming riot happened at Port Royal in the night of the 19th of this Month, in which several persons were wounded by Cutlasses, and it appearing upon the Report of Captains Saxton, Cornwallis, and Gardner, that the said Riot originated with James Murray Midshipman, William Howard Coxwain, Thos. Cox, Thos: Welch, Joseph Wynn, George Dott, Nathaniel Bolton, Thomas Haywood and Joseph Randell Seamen belonging to his Majestys Ship the Anson, and James Husser Captains Clerk of His Majesty's Ship Hercules, which Report is herewith inclosed.

You are therefore hereby required and directed, to Assemble a Court Martial as soon as conveniently may be, to Try the aforementioned Jas. Murray, Midshipman, Wm. Howard Coxwain, Thomas Cox, Thomas Welch, John [*sic*] Wynn, Geo: Dott, Nathaniel Bolton, Thomas Haywood, and Joseph Randell Seamen belonging to his M. Ship Anson, and James Husser belonging to the Hercules for being concerned in the aforementioned Riot, and to report to me the Proceedings and sentences of the Court accordingly.

Given under my hand &ca 28th June 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Jos^{a} Rowley Esqr Rear Ad^{l} of the Red &ca &ca &ca

Belliqueux Port Royal Harbour Jamaica
June 28th 1782

Sir

I have this day been under the necessity of confining Mr John Osmond Carpenter of his Majesty's Ship under my Command for disobedience of Orders and Insolence to Mr Thomas Lemon the 2nd Lieut. And as he has repeatedly conducted himself, with negligence and inattention, I must in justice to the service, request that when an opportunity offers you will be pleased to apply to the Commander in Chief, to order him to be tried at a Court Martial for the same.

I have the Honor to be Sir
Your most Obedient Hu^{le} Servt

A Sutherland

Sir Saml Hood Bart: Rear Ad^{l} of the Blue &c &c &c

The full title

Whereas Captain Sutherland has requested an Order for a Court Martial to try John Osmond Carpenter of His Majestys Ship the Belliqueux for disobedience of Orders and Insolence to Mr Thomas Lemon the second

Lieutenant of the said ship and has repeatedly conducted himself with neglegence and inattention as is particularly sett forth in his letter to Rear Admiral Sir Samuel Hood Baronet, dated the 28th of this month, which is herewith inclosed.

You are hereby required and directed to assemble a Court Martial as soon as conveniently may be to try the said John Osmond on the charge before mentioned, and to report to me the Proceedings and Sentence of the Court Accordingly.

Given under my hand &ca 29th June 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Jos^a Rowley Esqr Rear Admiral of the Red &c &c &c

By Sir George B. Rodney Bart. &c &c &c

Whereas a number of spanish seamen have been taken in Pickeroons by His Majesty's Ships alongshore, the Crews of which are now in Prison, and as I think it necessary to send them to Great Britain

You are hereby required and directed to receive 100 of them on board His Majestys Ship under your Command, and on your arrival in England to deliver them into the charge of the Agent for Prisoners of War.

Given under my hand &c &c 28th June 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captn Moriatty
of His M. Ship Ramillies

The full title

You are hereby required and directed to repair on board His Majestys Ship P^ce George, and take upon you the charge and Command, and act as seventh lieutena[n]t of her, in the room of Lieutenant Gwenap prefered, taking care to obey all Orders you receive from

your Captain, or any other your superior Officers, 'till such time as you join Rear Admiral Digby.

Given under my hand &ca

G. B. Rodney

To Mr Chas. Seward
hereby appointed to Act as seventh Lieutenant
of His Maj^s Ship P^ce George

The full title

You are hereby required & directed to repair on board His Majesty's Ship Prince George, and take upon you the Charge, and Command and Act as eight Lieutenant of her accordingly in the Room of Lieutenant Cole gone to America taking care to obey all Orders you receive from your Captain, or any other your superior Officers, till such time as you join Rear Admiral Digby.

Given under my hand on board
H. Majestys Ship Formidable

G. B. Rodney

To Mr. Daniel Burdwood
hereby appointed to Act as eight Lieutenant
of His Majestys Ship the P^ce George

By Sir George B. Rodney Bart: &c &c &c

Whereas several of His Majesty's Ships under my Command are in want of Cables, and Anchors

You are hereby required and directed to cause the Boatswain of His Majestys Ship under your Command to Supply the Boatswain of such Ships as may be in want of them, on their being properly demanded, with all your Anchors and Cables, which are to be kept, for the Ships use; taking proper receipts for the same.

Given under my hand &c &c 28th June 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captain Moriatty
of His Majestys Ship Ramillies

Mem^dm

Formidable 29th June 1782

It is the Admirals directions that the first Lieutenant and the Surgeon of the Ships named in the Margin [1] do instantly repair to the Prison for Prisoners of War and Pick out Fifty men each of such Prisoners as they may approve and have no Disorder or Sickness upon them—the Admiral recommends them to take Neutrals or Soldiers.

By Sir Geo: B. Rodney Bart: K B. &c &c &c

Whereas His Majestys Ship under your Command is so very weak, that I think it necessary that the Lower Deck Guns should be taken out and as the Lieutenant Governour of this Island has requested I will Order for the Use of the Fortifications now Erecting, some Guns out of any of His Majestys Ships that can best spare them.

You are hereby required and directed to cause the Gunner of the Ship you command to Supply the Commanding Officer of His Majestys Fort at Port Royal with all your Lower Dock Guns, Carriages, and shot taking proper receipts for the same.

Given under my hand &c &c 29th June 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captn Charrington
of His Majestys Ship Ajax

By Sir George Bridges Rodney B^t &c &c &c

Whereas a N^o of Spanish Pickeroons have been Captured by His Majestys Ships alongshore, the Crews of which are now Prisoners under your Charge.

You are hereby required and directed to cause them

[1] Ville de Paris, Glorieux, Ardent, Hector, Jason, Caton

to be embarked on board His Majestys Ship Ramillies in order to their being carried to England as Prisoners of War.

Given under my hand &c &c 29th June 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Fran^s Neville Esqr
Agent for Prisoners of War
Jamaica

By Sir Geo: B. Rodney Bart. K. B. &c &c &c

You are hereby authorized and directed without a moments loss of time to cause to be embarked on board the Ships named in the Margin [1] 50 such Prisoners as the Officers of the respective Ships shall approve off, in order to there being sent to Great Britain.

Given under my hand on board H. M. S. Formidable 29th June 82

G. B. Rodney

To Francis Neville Esqr
Agent for Prisoners of War
Jamaica

By Sir George Bridges Rodney Ba^t &c &c &c

Whereas Men are much wanted for his Majestys Service; You are hereby required and directed to bear all such as you shall be able to raise after compleating your own Complement on a Supernumerary List for Wages and Victuals and such others as shall be occasionally sent on board you, agreeable to the usual Custom of the Navy.

Given under my hand &ca 29th June 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captn Cotton
of His M. Ship the Alarm

[1] Ville de Paris, Glorieux, Hector, Jason, Caton, Ardent.

By Sir George B. Rodney Bart. &c &c &c

Whereas it is absolutely necessary that I should be well informed respecting the Enemys fleet at Cape Francois

You are hereby required and directed to proceed with his Majestys Ship under your Command and the Preston whose Commander I have directed to follow your Orders and proceed without loss of time off Cape Francois, and use your best Endeavours to reconnoitre the Combined Fleets and procure every Intelligence possible relative to their Condition and the time it's supposed they will be ready to proceed to Sea.

You are to be cautious in your Reconnoitring, and to guard against a surprize or being over power'd by the Enemy, and in Case of your rec^g Intelligence of, or in making your own observations, if they are such as you think it necessary I should be acquainted with, lose no time in giving me Information.

And whereas the Enemy have a Squadron of Seven Sail of the Line at Port au Prince, supposed to be intended to Convoy their Trade to Cape Francois you are to keep a good look out for the said Squadron to watch their motions in case of their Putting to sea giving me the earliest notice possible thereof.

And whereas I propose putt^g to sea with the Fleet 10 July at farthest you are to take notice thereof and endeavour to join me off the Navassa with what Intelligence you may have procured if none of Consequence should be obtained sooner.

Given under my hand &c &c 29th June 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captn Cotton
of His M. Ship Alarm

29th June 1782. An Order to Captn Leslie of His Majesty's Ship Preston to Put himself under the Command of Captn Cotton of His Majestys Ship Alarm and follow his Orders for his further proceedings.

By Sir Geo. Bridges Rodney Bt. &c &c &c

Whereas you have represented to me that there are no boats belonging to his Majestys Ship under your Command calculated to Compleat her Water; and it being absolutely necessary that she should be equipped with the utmost dispatch.

You are hereby required and directed to Order your Purser to hire proper vessels for that purpose and draw on the Victualling Board for the Amount thereof.

Given under my hand &ca 29th June 1782

G. B. Rodney

To The Honble Captn Cadogan
of His Majesty's Ships Glorieux

By Sir G. Bridges Rodney Bar: &c &c &c

Captain Kemphorne of His Majestys Ship London having represented to me by Letter of this date, that there is Sundry Sails, Boats, Covers, Awnings, The Best bower cable, and the Stream Cable Messenger, and Great part of the running rigging of that Ship is much worn, and requesting a Survey on the same.

You are therefore hereby required and directed to repair on board the said ship and there take a very strict and carefull survey on the said Sails, Boats Covers, Awnings, Cables and Running rigging, Complained of, taking care not to condemn any of the articles, unless you find them to be realy unfit for service reporting to me under your hands your proceedings therein.

Given under my hand &ca 29th June 1782

G. B. Rodney

To The Master of His M. S. Formidable
& the Masters of H. M. S's Fame, Alfred & Preston
or any two of them

29th June 1782. An Order for a Survey on Pursers Stores on board His Majestys Ship Bedford, directed to

the Pursers of His Majestys Ships Ramillies, Glorieux, Conqueror and Valiant.

29th June 1782. An Order for a Survey on Pursers Stores on board His Majestys Ship London, directed to the Pursers of His Majestys Ships Repulse, Ajax, Invincible & St: Albans or any three of them.

29th June 1782. An Order for a Survey on the Fore mast of His Majestys Ship Diamond directed to the Carpenters of His Majestys Ships Centaur, Belliqueux, Alfred and Sybil or any three of them.

29th June 1782 An Order for a Survey on Running Rigging, some sails, four Cables, and Three Bouy ropes, belonging to His Majestys Ship the Diamond, directed to the Master of the Formidable the Masters of H. Majestys Ships Centaur, Belliqueux and Sybil or any two of them.

29th June 1782. An Order for a Survey on Bread Beef and Butter on board His Majestys Ship London, directed to the Master of His Majestys Ship Formidable, the Masters of His Majestys Ship's the Alfred, Fame, and Preston or any two of them.

30th June 1782. An Order for a Survey On Gunners Stores on board His Majesty's Ship Diamond, directed to the Gunners of His Majestys Ship's Conqueror, Belliqueux, Centaur.

30th June 1782. An Order to Captn Cornish to discharge from His Majestys Ship Arrogant under His Command, Mr John Lee Surgeon's mate into the Formidable.

By Sir George B. Rodney Bt: &c &c &c

The Sudden Sailing of the French Fleet from Martinique having obliged me to leave St: Lucia with His Majestys Fleet under my Command to go in Pursuit of them in so great a Hurry, that the Accounts of the Artificers belonging to the ships employed on Shore, and a Float could not be attested and paid there.

In order to do justice to the said Artificers, you are hereby required and directed to cause such of them, as shall apply; to be paid for their Labour in the same manner as if they had been employed at this Port, taking Care to receive the proper Certificates from the Respective Captains, approved by me or my Order as your Vouchers.

Given under my hand &c &c 30th June 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Lewis Robt: Allen Esqr
Naval Storekeeper
Jamaica

By Sir George Bridges Rodney Bt: &c &c &c

Whereas his Majestys Sloop Port Royal which I have appointed you to command, is wanted to be fitted for Sea with all the expedition possible; and the equipment of the different transports to go home with invalids next convoy, the fitting others for carrying away part of the french prisoners from hence and the other duties of your Office as agent for Transports will particularly at this time require a Continuance of that Diligence and Exertion which you have hitherto made use of in the discharge of that Employment.

You are hereby required and directed notwithstanding the above late appointment to the said sloop to return to your duty as Agent of Transports, leaving the Command of the said Sloop to Captain George Hart whom I

have this day Comm[d] for her and for so doing this shall be your Order.

Given under my hand &ca &ca 30th June 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Capt[n] Walbeoff
of His Maj[s] Sloop Port Royal

30th June 1782. An Order for a Survey on Bread, Flour and Beef Oatmeal and Barley on board His Majestys Ship Prothée directed to the Master of Ships at Rock Fort.

30th June 1782. An Order for a Survey on a Best and Small Bower Cables, a Messenger sundry running rigging, a Fore Course, a Fore and Mizen Topsail a Fore top gallant sail a Main topmast, Middle and Mizen staysails and Two Jibbs on board his Maj[s] Ship Prothee; directed to the masters of His Majestys Ships at Rock fort.

30th June 1782. An Order to Capt[n] Fisher to discharge from his Majestys Ship Caton under his Command Isaac Richards, Carpenter & Thomas Ford Boatswain of the London, lately impressed.

30th June 1782. An Order to Capt[n] Coffin of His Majestys Ship Shrewsbury to discharge twelve Marines from the said Ship under his Command into his Maj[s] Frigate L'Aimable

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30th June 1782. An Order to Capt[n] Thomas of His Maj[s] Ship Pallas to cause the Gunner of His Majestys Ship under his Command [to] deliver to the Gunner of the Barfleur One Twelve pounder, taking proper receipts for the same.

2d July 1782. An Order to Captn Smith of His Majesty's Smith [*sic*] Endymion to Join me in Port Royal Harbour with the ship under his Command with all the dispatch possible.

By Sir George Bridges Rodney Bart. &c &c &c

Whereas His Majestys Sloop Badger under your Command has been reported unfit for further service, and you have represented to me, that the stores belonging to her have been in Pursuance of my Order, returned to the proper Officers, in Order to her being put out of Commission.

You are therefore hereby required & directed to discharge such men as now belong to her into the Licorne & immediately to strick your pendant and come on shore as a mark of her being put out of Commission and she is hereby put out of Commission Accordingly.

Given under my hand &ca 2d July 82

G. B. Rodney

To Captn Hill
of His Majestys Sloop Badger

2nd of July 1782. An Order to Cap^n [blank] of the Nestor to discharge Seven men belonging to the Badger into the Jason and [blank]

By Sir George B. Rodney Bart. K B &c &c &c

Whereas His Majestys Fire Ship under your Command is reported unfit for further Service.

You are hereby required and directed as expeditiously as possible to cause the stores belonging to her to be returned to the different Officers in the Yard who have my

Orders to receive and give receipts for the same in Order to her being put out of Commission.

Given &ca 2nd July 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captn Stow
of H. M's Fireship Surprize

2nd July 1782 A Similar Order to Captn Markham of His Majesty's Fire Ship Volcano to prepare her for being put out of Commission

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By Sir Geo. B. Rodney Bart: K. B. &c &c &c

Whereas H. Majesty's Fireship's Volcano, & Surprize have been represented to me, as unfit for any further service and I have given directions to their Command^{g} Officers to return their Stores to the proper Officers of His Majesty's Yard.

You are hereby required and directed to cause the same to be received and proper receipts given for them, the same being done, to put them out of Commission, accordingly.

Given under my hand &ca 2nd July 1782.

G. B. Rodney

To Lewis Robt. Allen Esqr
Naval Storekeeper
Jamaica

By Sir George B. Rodney Bart: &c &c &c

Whereas in the Survey that has been taken of the Provisions and Pursers Stores on board the French Ships lately Captured no mention has been made of the Water Casks or fire Wood.

You are hereby requ[d] and directed to repair on board the said Ships respectively Viz[t] La Ville de Paris, Glorieux, Hector, Ardent, and there take a strict and Careful survey & Value on the Casks and Fire that were remain[g] that the Pursers may be charg[d] therewith, report[g] to me accordingly

Given &ca &ca 4th July 1782

G. B. Rodney

To The Masters of His Majesty's Ships Formidable,
Alcide, Centaur, Royal Oak, & Fame
or any three of them

6th July 1782 An Order to Captain Rowley of His Majestys Ship Resource to discharge from His Majestys Ship under his Command Lieut[t] John Drummond of Marines into the Pallas and to enter Lieut[t] Charles Allen also of Marines from the said ship in his room.

6th July 1782 An Order to Capt[n] Thomas of His Majestys Ship Pallas to discharge Lt Chas. Allen of Marines into the Resource and enter Lt John Drummond also of Mari[n]es from the said Ship in his room.

6th July 1782. An Order to Capt[n] Bourchier of His Majestys Ship Hector to employ Coopers.

By Sir George B. Rodney Bart. K. B. &c &c &c

You are hereby required and directed to discharge the Eighty three Supernumeraries from the Supernumerary List of His Majesty's Ship under your Command into the Glorieux

You are also to cause your first Lieutenant and Surgeon to repair to the Prison to morrow morning very early & carefully examine the One Hundred Spanish Prisoners that are to be received on board the Ramillies, that they are not weakly or have any putrid Distemper.

Given under my hand &c &c 8th July 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captn Moriatty
of His Majesty's Ship Ramillies

By Sir George B. Rodney Bart: K. B. &c &c &c

You are hereby required and directed to Receive on board His Majestys Ship under your Command Eighty three men from the Ramillies which you are to enter on your Ships Books.

Given &ca 8th July 1782

G. B. Rodney

To The Honble Captn Cadogan
of His Maj^{s} Ship Glorieux

By Sir Geo: B. Rodney Bart: K B &c &c &c

You are hereby required and directed to discharge from His Majestys Ship under your Command into H. M. S. Ville de Paris all the men belong^{g} to the 15th Regt: except One Serjeant two Corporals and twenty Privates which are discharged into the Glorieux.

Given &c 8th July 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captn Williams
of H. M. S. Prince George

By Sir George B. Rodney Bart. &c &c &c

You are hereby required and directed to receive from His Majesty's Ship P^{ce} George Twenty Privates, a Serj^{t}

and two Corporals of the 15th Regt. and to Bear them on the Books of the Ship you Command as Supernumeraries for Victuals only.

You are to order them to be supply'd with hammacoes and what Slops they may want, Causing your Purser to settle with their Agent for their Provisions and Slops.

Given &c &c 8th July 1782

G. B. Rodney

To The Honble Captn Cadogan
of His Majesty's Ship Glorieux

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bart. K B &c &c &c

You are hereby required and directed to receive from His Majestys Ship the P^ce^ George what number of men belonging to the 15th Regt: may be sent you and bear them on the Books of the Ship under your Command as supernumeraries for Victuals.

You are to order them to be supply'd with Hammacoes and what Slops they may want, causing your Purser to settle with their Agent for their Provisions and Slops.

Given under my hand &c &c &c 8th July 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captain Curgenven
of His Majestys ship Ville de Paris

8th July 1782 An Order to Captn Parker of H. M. S. Diamond to discharge the Pilot named in the Margin [1] from H. M. S. under his Command into the Ramillies

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By Sir Geo. B. Rodney Bart. K B &c &c &c

You are hereby required and directed to discharge from His Majestys Ship Pallas under your Command Fifty

[1] Jno Kenne

able Seamen taking them as they run from the latter end of the List, for which Purpose I have herewith sent the Captain of His Majestys Ship the Formidable on board the said Ship.

Given under my hand &c 8th July 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captn Thomas
of H. M. Ship Pallas

Mem^{dm} July 8th 1782

An Order for Ad^{l} Graves to proceed on the 10th Inst: with what ships of the Convoy may be ready in this Port to Blue Fields Bay where he is to wait 'till further Orders.

8th July 1782. An Order for passing Philip Justice directed to Captn Goodall, Penny, and Cornwallis

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LINE OF BATTLE

The Princessa to lead on the Starboard Tack
& The Bedford on the Larboard

Division Rear Ad^{l} Rowley &c &c

Frigates &c	Rate	Ships	Commanders	Guns	Men
	3rd	Princessa	Rear Ad^{l} Drake &c &c / Captain Knatchbull	70	577
	"	Marleborough	" Penny	74	600
	"	Arrogant	" Cornish	74	600
	"	Nonsuch	" Truscott	64	500
Salamander Fire ship	"	Conqueror	" Balfour	74	600
	"	Ardent	" Lucas	64	500
	2d	P^{ce} George	" Williams	90	750
Tartar to repeat	"	London	Rear Ad^{l} Rowley &c / Captain Kempthorne	90	767
	3rd	Torbay	" Gidoin	74	600
	"	St: Albans	" Inglis	64	500
Alarm	"	Invincible	" Saxton	74	600
	"	Montagu	" Bowen	74	600
	"	Caton	" Fisher	64	500
	"	Fame	" Willson	74	550

Division Sir Geo: Bridges Rodney Bart: K. B.
Commander in Chief &c &c &c

Frigates &c	Rate	Ships	Commanders	Guns	Men
	3rd	Canada	The Honble Captn Cornwallis	74	600
	"	Yarmouth	Captain Parry	64	500
Preston	"	Warrior	" Sir Ja^{s} Wallace	74	600
	"	Anson	" Rodney	64	500
Alecto F Ship	1st	Ville de Paris	" Curgenven	100	800
	2nd	Namur	Captain Fanshawe	90	750
Flora to repeat	"	Formidable	Sir G. B. Rodney Bt: K B Sir Chas: Douglas Bart: Captain Vashon	90	750
	"	Duke	" Gardner	90	750
	3rd	Agamemnon	" Caldwell	64	500
Alert sloop	"	Resolution	" Symons	74	600
	"	Prothée	" Wilkinson	64	500
Endymion	"	Hercules	" Savage	74	600
	"	America	" S. Thompson	64	500
	"	Hector	" Bourchier	74	600

Division Sir Saml Hood Bt: &c &c

Frigates &c	Rate	Ships	Commanders	Guns	Men
	3rd	P^{ce} William	Captain Merrick	64	500
	"	Magnificent	" Linzee	74	600
	"	Jason	" Aylmer	64	500
	"	Centaur	" Inglefield	74	650
	"	Belliqueux	" Sutherland	64	500
	"	Monarch	" Reynolds	74	600
Champion to repeat	2nd	Barfleur	Sir Saml Hood Bart: &c Captn Knight	90	767
	3d	Valiant	" Goodall	74	650
	"	Glorieux	The H^{ble} Captn Cadogan	74	600
	"	Alfred	Captain Dumaresq	74	600
	"	Repulse	" West	64	500
Blast F. Ship	"	Alcide	" C. Thompson	74	600
	"	Royal Oak	" Buckner	74	600
	"	Bedford	Com^{dre} Affleck Captn Graves	74	617
				3096	25078

Given under my hand on board His Majestys Ship Formidable in Port Royal Harbour 8th July 1782

G. B. Rodney

By Sir Geo: B: Rodney Bart: K B &c &c &c

You are hereby required and directed to receive on board His Majesty's Ship under your Command the Land Officers named in the Margin [1] with their servants Bag and Baggage and the non Commiss^d Officers of their Corps.

You are to give them a passage to England Victualling them at ⅔rds allowance taking care that your Purser settles with their Agent for the Provisions they may expend during their continuance on board.

You are to accomodate them during their Continuation on board your Ship with One Side of the Wardroom removing the Bulk head thereof as far foreward as may be necessary for their better accomodation and you are to permit them to bring what Provisions and necessaries they may think proper.

Given under my hand on board His M. S.
Formidable 8th July 82

G. B. Rodney

To The Capt^ns of H. M's Ships Ville de Paris, Glorieux, Hector, Ardent, Jason, & Caton

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By Sir George B. Rodney Bart: K B &c &c &c

Whereas His Majestys Fleet under my Command are greatly short of Complement

You are hereby required and directed (after completing your own Complement) to bear upon a Supernumerary List, for Victuals and Wages, what seamen you can raise for His Majestys service, and at all times on a List for Victualls only at whole allowance, all men belonging to other ships.

All Soldiers for Passage only and Prisoners of War

[1] The officers' names were not copied into the Order-Book. Ed.

to be victualled at ⅔rds allowance of all Species, except when otherwise directed.

Given under my hand &c &c 8th July 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captn Curgenven
of H. M. Ship La Ville de Paris

Similar Orders to the Captains of His Majestys Ships Glorieux, Hector, Ardent, Caton & Jason

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8th July 1782. An Order to Captn Charrington of His Majestys Ship Ajax to discharge Lieutenant George Green of Marines and to receive Lieutenant Cuthbert of Marines in his room.

8th July 1782. An Order to Captn Sutherland of Belliqueux [1] to discharge from H. M. S. under his Command Lieut: Cuthbert of Marines, and to receive Lieutenant Green of Marines in His room.

By Sir Geo: Bridges Rodney Bart. K B &c &c &c

You are hereby required and directed to discharge Fifty Seamen from His Majestys Ship under your Command into the Royal Oak, and to receive a like number from her, which you are to enter upon your ships Books as part of your Complement, taking care that the men exchanged are as nearly as possible of equal qualifications.

Given &ca. 8th July 1782.

G. B. Rodney

To Captn Wilkinson
of His Maj^s Ship Prothee

[1] The words "Inglefield of His Majestys Ship Centaur" are crossed out, and "Sutherland of Belliqueux" are written above.

By Sir George B. Rodney Bart: K. B. &c &c &c

You are hereby required and directed to discharge Fifty Seamen from His Majestys Ship under your Command into the Prothee, and to receive a like number from Her, which you are to Enter on your Ships Books, as part of your complement taking care that the Men Exchanged are as nearly as possible of equal qualifications.

Given under my hand &c &c 8th July 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captn Buckner
of His M. Ship Royal Oak

By Sir Geo: B. Rodney Bart. K. B. &c &c &c

Whereas Lieutenant Smyth of his Majestys Sloop Duc D'Estisac under your Command, who was left sick at the Hospital at St: Lucia, has so far recovered as to be able to rejoin his said Sloop.

You are hereby required and directed to receive him as Lieutenant of the said sloop accordingly agreeable to his Original Commission from the Admiralty in Lieu of Lieut: David Wyllie who has been acting in his room and whom I have Commissioned for another ship.

Given &ca 8th July 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captn Rivett
of H. M. Sloop Duc D'Estisac

By Sir Geo: B. Rodney Bart. K B &c &c &c

Whereas the Fifty Prisoners on board H. M. S. under your Command may in consideration of their being victualled at whole allowance, assist in navigating the ship &ca you are hereby required and directed upon their assisting in navigat^g the Ship and doing any other neces-

sary Duty, to victuall them at whole allowance of all species.

Given &c 8th July 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captn Moriatty
of H. M. Ship Ramillies

By Sir George B. Rodney Bart: K. B. &c &c &c

Whereas I have thought proper to give Mr: George Graves Purser of His Majestys Ship London under your Command leave to be Absent from His duty to attend Rear Ad^l Graves as his Secretary to England

You are hereby required and directed to dispence with his absence from the said ship accordingly; and to receive on board Mr: Nichal Mercer who is appointed to act as His Deputy in Her in His Stead.

Given under my hand on board His M. S.
Formidable in Port Royal Harbour, Jamaica
8th July 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captn Kempthorn
of H. M. Ship London

By Sir Geo: B. Rodney Bart: K B &ca &ca &

Whereas I have thought proper to give Mr: George Graves Purser of His Majesty's Ship London leave to be absent from His Duty to attend Rear Adm^l Graves as His Secretary to England

You are hereby required and directed to repair on board the said ship and there act as Deputy Purser during his Absence.

Given under my hand on board H. M's Ship
Formidable 8th July 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Mr Nichal Mercer
hereby appointed to Act as Deputy Purser of H. M. S. the London

By Sir Geo: Bridges Rodney Bart: &ca &ca &ca

Whereas, I have thought it necessary to appoint the Master Carpenters named in the margin,[1] to act as assistants to the Master Shipwright of the Kings naval Yard at Port Royal, for the greater dispatch in refitting His Majestys Fleet, under my Command.

You are hereby required and directed to Pay to each, three Dollars, a day during the time they are so employed on their producing a Certificate from the master shipwright.

Given under my hand &ca &ca 8th July 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Lewis Robt: Allen Esqr
Naval Storekeeper Jamaica

By Sir Geo: B. Rodney Bart. K. B &ca &ca &ca

Whereas I have thought proper to purchase for His Majestys Service the Jason Ship of War of Sixty four Guns, lately Captured from the French, and her Hull, Masts, Yards and Rigging as she now stands having been surveyed, by the proper Officers, and declared worth the sum of Fourteen Thousand, Six hundred and forty seven pounds, Eight Shillings and One penny three farthings.

You are therefore hereby required and directed to pay unto the Agents for the said Ship the sum of Fourteen Thousand, Six hundred and forty seven pounds, Eight Shillings and One penny Three farthings Sterling for which you are to draw Bills, upon His Majesty's Navy Board, taking care to procure proper Vouchers for the same.

Given under my hand on board His Majesty's Ship Formidable in Port Royal Harbour Jamaica 8th July 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Lewis Robt. Allen Esqr
Naval Storekeeper
Jamaica

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[1] *Carpenters* Formidable, Barfleur, Ville de Paris

July 8th 1782. An Order Simerlar to the Above to Mr. Allen to pay the sum of £13,712 7s 10d for the Caton of 64 Guns.

July 8th 1782 An Order to pay the Sum of £7,879 10s 6d for the Aimable of 32 Guns

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d° An Order to pay the Sum of £2450 for the Ceres of Eighteen Guns.

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d° An Order To Captn Christian of His M. Ship Fortunee to receive on board Lt: Leslie of the 88 Regement and Give him a Passage to Wi[n]dward victualling him at the usual allowance.

The full Title

Whereas I have thought Proper to purchase for His Majestys Service the Ville de Paris Ship of War of One hundred Guns lately Captured from the French and the Hull, Masts Yards and Rigging as she now stands having been surveyed by the proper Officers, and declared worth the sum of Twenty four thousand, Six hundred and Ninety three pounds, one Shilling and Seven pence ¼ Sterling

You are therefore hereby required and directed to pay unto the Agents for the said Ship the sum of Twenty four thousand, six hundred and Ninty three pounds One Shilling & 7¼ Sterling, for which you are to draw Bills on the Com^rs of His Maj. Navy, taking care to procure proper Vouchers for the same.

Given under my hand on board His Maj. Ship
Formidable Port Royal Jamaica 8th July 1782

To Lewis Rob. Allen Esq.
Naval Store Keeper Jamaica

By Command of the Admiral

By Sir Geo: Bridges Rodney Bart: K. B. &c &c &c

You are hereby required and directed to receive from the Agent for Prisoners of War at Kingston, Fifty Prisoners and Carry them to Great Britain, Victualling them at the usual allowance of ⅔rds of all Species of Provisions, and delivering them into the charge of the Commissary of the First Kings Port you arrive at.

You are particularly to take care not to sail without them, and should the Commissary who has my orders to send them on board, neglect doing it in proper time, you are to send to him to expedite their being put on board you as expeditiously as possible.

Given under my hand &c &c 9th July 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captain Parker
of His Maj^s Ship Pallas

By Sir George B. Rodney Bart. K B &c &c &c

You are hereby required & directed as expeditiously as possible to send on board His Majestys Ship Pallas (The Captain of which has my orders to receive them) Fifty French Prisoners of War, taking particular care that the same is effected in proper time.

Given under my hand on board His Majestys Ship Formidable 9th July 82

G. B. Rodney

To Thomas Neville Esqr
Commissary for Prisoners of War at Kingston

9th July 1782. An Order to Lieutenant Jophson [*sic for* Jepson] of H. Majestys Armed Sloop Port Morant, to put himself under the Command of Rear Ad^l Graves and follow his Orders for his further Proceedings.

9th An Order to Captain Wells of His Majestys Ship Champion to discharge all the Supernumeraries on board

His Majestys Ship under his Command and Borne for no particular Ship, into his Majestys Ship Hector.

By Sir George Bridges Rodney Bart. K. B.
Vice Admiral of Great Britain, Admiral
of the White Squadron of His Majestys
Fleet and Commander in Chief of all His
Majestys Ships and vessels employed or
to be employed in the West Indies &ca &ca

Whereas Captain Wilkinson of His Majestys Ship Prothee has represented to me by Letter dated 8th July 1782 that Nicholas Burn Boatswains Mate and George McNeil Seaman belong^g^ to the said Ship, were the preceeding night and that Morning guilty of Mutiny and Disobedience of Orders requesting a Court Martial may be ordered on them.

You are hereby required and directed as soon as the service will admit thereof to assemble a Court Martial and try the said Nicholas Burn and George McNeal for Mutiny and Disobedience of Orders reporting to me the Sentence and Proceedings of such Court accordingly.

Given under my hand &c &c &c 9th July 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Rear Admiral Rowley &c &c &c

By Sir George B. Rodney Bart: K B &ca &ca &ca

Whereas I think it absolutely necessary that no time should be lost for His Majestys Fleet under my Command in proceeding to Sea in order to Watch the Motions of the enemy, and to Act as may appear best for His Majestys Service

You are therefore hereby required and directed without loss of time to proceed with the ships named in the Margin,[1] and Station the Squadron under your Com-

[1] The list of ships was not copied into the Order-Book. Ed.

mand between the Navasa, and Cape Nicola you are to remain upon that Station 'till further Orders, and upon no account to leave it but to endeavour to gain Intelligence of the Enemy's Fleet at Cape Francois, acquainting me from time to time of their Motions.

You are to take under your Command all such as may join you and employ the Frigates in getting Intelligence and observing the motions of the enemy.

And whereas I propose as soon as possible to join you with the Whole Fleet, you are to station Frigates so as to give you notice of my approach.

Given under my hand on board H. M. S.
Formidable 9th July 1782

G. B. Rodney

To R. A. Drake &c &c &c

By Sir Geo: B. Rodney Bart. K B &ca &ca &ca

You are hereby required and directed to proceed without a Moment's Loss of Time with such Part of your Squadron as may be ready off Blue Fields Bay there to wait my joining you which you may hourly expect or further Orders from me.

Given under my hand &ca &ca 9th July 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Sir Sam[l] Hood Bart: &ca &ca &ca

9th July 1782 An Order for a Survey on Carpenters Stores on board His Majestys Ship Tarter directed to the Carpenters of His Majestys Ships Monarch, Belliqueux, Hercules and P[ce] William or any three of them

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10th July 1782. An Order for a Survey on Carpenters Stores on board His Majestys Ship Prothee, directed to the Carpenters of His Majestys Ships Ajax, Canada, Invincible & Montagu or any three of them.

10th July 1782. A similar Order for a Survey on Carpenters Stores, on board the Royal Oak, directed to the same Carpenters.

10th July 1782. An Order for a Survey on Carpenters Stores on board H. Majestys Ship Champion directed to the Carpenters of the Diamond, Fortunée, Acteon and Resource or any three of them.

10th July 1782. An Order for a Survey on Gunners Stores on board H. M's Sloop the Martin directed to the Gunners of His Majestys Ships Invincible, Ajax, Resource & Tobago Sloop or any three of them.

11th July 1782. An Order To Captain Rivett of his Majestys Sloop Duc D'Estisac to discharge Fifteen men, tak^g them as they run from the End of the List, into the Ardent.

11th July 1782. An Order to Captn Hulke of his Majestys Sloop Du Guay Troin, to discharge from H. M. Sloop under his Command into the Hector, Fifteen men, taking them as they run on the Last of the list.

11th July 1782. An Order for a Survey on Pursers Stores & Necessaries on board His Majestys Ship P^ce George, directed to the Purser of His Majestys Ship Duke, St. Albans, Hercules and Repulse or any three of them.

Full Title

Whereas His Majestys Fireship Surprize, under your Command, has been reported unfit for further Service, and you have represented to me, that the Stores belong-

ing to her, have been in Pursuance of my Order, returned to the proper Officers, in Order to her being put out of Commission.

You are hereby required and directed immediately, to strike your Pendant, and come on shore as a mark of her being put out of Commission and she is hereby put out of Commission accordingly.

Given under my hand on board His Majestys Ship
Formidable in Port Royal Harbour Jamaica
11th July 1782

To Captain Stow
of His Majestys Fireship Surprize

11th July 1782. A Similar Order to Captn Markham of His Majestys Fire Ship Volcano

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11th July 1782. An Order to the Capt^{ns} of His Majestys Ships Canada, Montagu and Centaur to keep themselves in momentary readiness to proceed with the Convoy for Great Britain in their respective Ships.

11th July An Order to Captain Graham to Act as Second Captn on board His Majestys Ship Ville de Paris

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By Sir George B. Rodney Bart. &ca &ca &ca

Whereas fast sailing Vessels are much wanted to carry on the communication between North America and the different parts of the West Indies, In pursuance of Directions from their Lordships to purchase such when necessary, and Whereas the Ship Hercules of Eighteen Guns

has been represented to me as fit for that purpose, and Hull, Masts, Yards and Rigging as they now stand having been Surveyed by proper Officers and declared worth the sum of Four Thousand, three hundred, and ninty eight pounds One Shilling and Eight pence Sterling

You are therefore hereby required and directed to pay the sums before mentioned to Hercules Ross Esqr or Order, the Owner of the said Ship, for which you are to draw Bills on His Majestys Navy Board, taking care to produce Vouchers for the same.

Given under my hand &ca 12th July 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Lewis Robt Allen Esqr
Naval Storekeeper
Jamaica

12th July 1782. An Order Similar to the above to Mr Allen to pay the sum of £1,461. 19. 8½ St: for the Arrow of 14 Guns.

Full Title

Whereas I have purchased into His Majestys Service the Ship Arrow; the sundry Iron Ordnance and Ordnance Stores on board, fit for His Majestys Service, do by the Inventory and Valuation thereof, Amount to the Sum of Four hundred and Fifty five pounds, eleven shillings and two pence Sterling.

You are hereby required and directed to pay to Hercules Ross Esqr (or Order) the owner of the said Ship, the sum of Four hundred and fifty five pounds, eleven shillings and two pence Sterling, for the Ordnance and Ordnance Stores above mentioned; for which you are to draw bills on the Master General of the Ordnance; taking care to receive and Transmit proper Vouchers for the same; and to deliver the said Ordnance and Ordnance Stores into the Charge of the Gunner of the

said Ship; and to Compleat her proportion thereof as a Ship of War of Eighteen Guns, and [blank]

Given under my hand &ca &ca 12th July 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Robt Benton Esqr
Ordnance Storekeeper
Jamaica

12th July 1782. A Similar Order to Mr Benton to Pay the sum of £1,323 4s 9d St^{g} for the Ordnance Stores of the Badger Sloop Mounting 18 Guns

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By Sir George B. Rodney Bart &ca &ca &ca

You are hereby required and directed immediately proceed with His Majestys Ship under your Command, to Blue fields, but in case the Fleet should be sailed, you are to repair to Port Royal, and Put you[r]self under the Command of Rear Ad^{l} Rowley and follow his Orders for your further Proceedings.

Given under my hand &ca &ca 12th July 82

G. B. Rodney

To Captn Affleck &ca &ca &ca

12th July 1782 A Similar Order to Captain Hulke of His Majestys Sloop Du Guay Trouin to proceed to Port Antonio

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By Sir George B. Rodney Bart. K B &ca &ca &ca

Whereas I have received orders from the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, to return to Great Britain with all Dispatch possible giving the Command of the Fleet to Admiral Pigot and whereas it's impossible for me to attend to the perusal of the Acc^{ts} of the Agent for Prisoners of War, which in my opinion will require a most minute investigation particularly in regard to the

Victuall^{g} and Hospital, I must recommend it to your consideration, as you are to remain Commander in Chief on this station, wheither it will not be proper for you to appoint persons on whom you can rely to audit all Accounts relative to the expenditure of the Publick Money, for the Ma[i]ntenance of Prisoners of War. And from time to time to approve such Bills as may be drawn upon the Commissioners of the sick and Hurt (and that may appear to you proper) agreable to the instructions given to all Commanders in Chief for that purpose, and whereas my time will not allow me to interfere longer with the Civil department, of the Navy at this Port, you are hereby required and directed to take under Charge every thing relative thereto, and to give such directions as to you may appear necessary.

You will likewise have a list of such ships & Vessels as are intended to be left under your Command, the Moment Admiral Pigot has settled what number will be proper to leave on this Station

Given under my hand on board His Majestys
Ship Formidable in Port Royal Harbour Jamaica
12th July 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Jos^{a} Rowley Esqr &ca &ca &ca

By Sir George B. Rodney Bart. K B &ca &ca &ca

You are hereby required and directed to proceed with His Majestys Sloop under your Command to the Harbours on the North side and East End of this Island and there to endeavour with all dispatch to compleat your Complement, and then to return to Port Royal and put yourself under the Command of Rear Ad^{l} Rowley and follow his Orders for your further proceedings.

Given under my hand &ca &ca 12th July 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Benjn Hulk Esqr
Commander of His Majestys Sloop Du Guay Truoin [*sic*]

12th July 1782. Orders to the Commanders of the following ships to put themselves under the Command of Admiral Pigot, Viz^{t} Princessa, Marlborough, Arrogant, Conqueror, P^{ce} George, Torbay, St: Albans, Invincible, Fame, Yarmouth, Warrior, Namur, Formidable, Duke, Agamemnon, Prothee, Hercules, America, P^{ce} William, Magnificent, Belliqueux, Monarch, Barfleur, Valiant, Alfred, Repulse, Alcide, Royal Oak, Bedford, Flora, Endymion, Champion, Amiable, Fortunée, Licorne, Germaine, Alecto, Salamander, Blast.

By Sir George B. Rodney &ca &ca &ca

Notwithstanding your former Orders You are hereby required and directed to put yourself under my Command and follow such orders and directions as I shall give you for his Majestys Service for which this shall be your Order.

Given under my hand &ca 12th July 1782

G. B. Rodney

To The Capt^{ns} of the Ships as ℔ Margin [1]

12th July 1782 An Order to Captn Dumerasq of ye Alfred to receive Mr. Jos: Webb as Acting Purser, and to dispense with the Absence of Mr. Thos. Turquand appointed as Purser of her

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12th July 1782 An Order to Mr. Jos. Webb to repair on board the Alfred and Act as Deputy Purser during the absence of Thos: Turquand.

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[1] Centaur, Canada, Resolution, Montagu, Anson, Nonsuch, Ville de Paris, Glorieux, Ardent, Hector, Jason, Caton, Pallas, Sibyl, Alert.

By Sir George B. Rodney Bart. K B &ca &ca &ca

You are hereby required and directed to take under your Command the Ships named in the Margin [1] whose Captains have my Orders to put themselves under your Command accordingly and proceed with the Convoy bound to Great Britain &ca at such time as the said ships may have joined you in Bluefields Bay hoisting your Flag on board what ship you may think most proper.

And whereas Ad[l] Pigot is arrived to whom I shall resign the Command of His Majesty's Fleet in these Seas, you are to obey such further Orders as he may think proper to give you, but in Case he should give no further Orders, you are to proceed to Great Britain with the Squadron and trade under your Command taking care before you approach the Coast of Europe to keep in the Latt[de] of the Mizen head in Ireland at least 150 Lea[s] West of that Cape, sending one of your Ships ahead to make the Coast of Ireland for Intelligence that you may be acquainted with the Situation of Affairs in Order to avoid the Conjunct fleets of the house of Bourbon should they be stationed with a view to intercept your Squadron and the Convoy.

And whereas I have received Orders to repair myself to Great Britain with all possible dispatch and propose to take the above mentioned track with the Montagu and Resolution I shall, (should there be occasion on my making the Coast of Ireland and receiving Intelligence) Order either the Resolution, or Alert Brig, to Cruize to the Westward in the Latti[d] of the Mizen head, to give you what intelligence I may have procured for your better guidance. On Entering the British Channel, you may if you think proper, repair yourself into Plymouth Sound sending the Convoy under the Charge of the next senior Officer, to the downs giving directions that the Ville de Paris and the Other ships of War Captured from the

[1] Ramilies, Canada, Centaur, Ville de Paris, Glorieux, Hector, Ardent, Caton, Jason, Pallas.

Enemy repair to Spit head acquainting the Secretary of the Admiralty of their Arrival.

Given under my hand &ca &ca

G. B. Rodney

To Rear Ad[l] Graves &ca. &ca. &ca.

12th July 1782 An Order to Capt[n] Saxton of the Invincible to discharge Chas. Smith from His Majestys Ship under his Command into the Ardent he being an evidence on a Cause of importance to Capt[n] Lucas.

12th July 1782. An Order to Capt[n] Cornish of His Majestys Ship Arrogant to discharge from His Majestys Ship under his Command Jas. Richardson, into the Badger Sloop.

Given &ca. &ca. &ca.

G. B. Rodney

By Sir George B. Rodney Bt. K. B. &ca &ca &ca

Whereas a Cargo of Masts from the Prize ship Elizabeth were some time before my arrival delivered, By Order from Sir Peter Parker in to His Majestys Store at Greenwich without any regular Valuation being set thereon, which have most of them been since used in refitting his Majestys Ships under my Command.

You are hereby required and directed impartially to value the said Masts between the Crown and the Captors in order to the latter being paid for the same, agreeable to their dementions, taking care that they are not charged to Government at more than the Price Current of those Articles at the time of their delivery.

Given under my hand &ca &ca 13th July 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Alex[r] Innes Esq[r]
Master Shipwright
Port Royal

13th July 1782. An Order to Captain Bowen of His Majesty's Ship Montagu to receive Lieut: Johnson and a Party of Marines and Enter them on his Marine List, and Discharge into the Formidable all the Officers and Men belonging to the 69th Regiment

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By Sir George B. Rodney Bart. K. B. &ca &ca &ca

Whereas I have given Orders to Mr. [blank] Provost Martial at the tryal this day held on Nicholas Burn, and George McGill to cause the said Sentence to be put in Execution on Monday morning at Gun Fire in the manner in the said order directed, on the Signal being made from your Own Ship for that purpose.

You are hereby required and directed to be aiding and assisting to him the said Provost Martial in the usual manner towards putting the said sentence in Execution (who is directed to wait on you with his Orders and receive your Instructions) Ordering your surgeon to attend the same.

Given under my hand &ca 13th July 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captn Cargenven
of His Majestys Ship Prothée

The Full Title

Whereas Nicholas Burn and George McGill belonging to His Majestys Ship Prothée have been adjudged at a Court Martial this day held on them, the One to receive Five hundred and the other three hundred lashes on their bare backs, with a Cat of nine tails, along side such Ships, at such times and in such proportions as the Commander in Chief shall direct for the Crimes specified in their Sentences

You are hereby required and directed to cause Part

of the said punishment to be inflicted on them accordingly, on Monday morning immediately after Gun fire^{g} (when the Signal will be made for that purpose) by their receiving ten Lashes each alongside the Ten nearest Ships begining with the [blank] and ending with the Prothée, the ship they belong to where you are to leave them. Reading the sentence of the Court Martial alongside each ship previous to the Punishment, first Shewing this Order to Captain Cargenven who has my Orders to be aiding and assisting to you therein.

Given &ca 13th July 1782

G. B. Rodney

To [blank]
Provost Martial

By Sir Geo. B. Rodney Bart. K. B. &ca &ca &ca.

You are hereby required and directed to cause Captain Sankey of the 99th Regement and His Family to be received on board the Dutton Transport under your Command and to carry them to England accomodating them in the best manner in your Power.

Given &ca 14th July 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Lieut: Scott
Commander of the Dutton Ordnance Transport

By The Right H^{ble} Ld Rodney Bart &c &c

Whereas I have thought it necessary for His Majesty's Service that the Provisions and Water Casks on board the undermention'd Prizes, which are very much wanted should be reserv'd for the Use of His Majesty's Ships under my Command, instead of being otherwise disposed of, which Articles I have caused to be survey'd by the proper Officers and diliver'd into the charge of the Pursers, and are as follows Viz^{t} [blank]

You are hereby [required] & directed to see the said pursers charged with the above Articles, causing the Commissioners of Victualling, to be acquainted, and to Draw on them for the Amount, at the Contract Prize only, the same being very considerably under what they would bring at Mark't for which this shall be your Order.

Given under my hand &ca. &ca &ca 14th July

G. B. Rodney

To Mr Willis
Agent Victualler

By Sir Geo. B. Rodney B^rt^ K. B. &ca &ca &ca

Whereas there are several Launches belonging to the French Ships captured on the 12th of April which may be of Great Service in this Port, towards watering His Maj: Ships, & carrying out Anchors and Other Purposes, and I have directed the Agents to Let them be reserved for that purpose.

You are hereby required and directed to take a carefull and impartial Survey of the Said Launches and put a just Value thereon, between the Crown and the Agents for the Said Captors, returning the same to the Said Agents and Taking Charge of the Said Launches for the Use of His Maj: Ships, at this Port.

Given under my hand on board His Maj: Ship
Formidable in Port Royal Harbour Jamaica
16th July 1782

To The Master Shipwright and Master Attendant
of H Maj: Yard

By Sir G B Rodney Bt. K B. &ca &ca &ca

Whereas I have ordered the Launches belonging to the Ships Captured on the 12th April last to be survey'd Valued and Given in Charge to the Officers of this Port,

for the Use thereof, and such Valuation to be given to the Agents of that Capture.

You are hereby required and directed to Pay the Said Agents, for them agreable to such Valuation, taking their Receipt together with the Above directed Valuation for your Vouchers therein.

Given under my hand on board His Maj: Ship Formidable in Port Royal Harbour Jamaica 16th July 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Robt Lewis Allen Esqr

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bt K B. &ca. &ca. &ca.

Notwithstanding your General Order directing Prisoners of War and Soldiers, to be borne at ⅔ Allowance:

You are hereby Authorised and directed Provided they shall Aid and Assist in Navigating the Ships home, and behave so as to deserve it, to Victual them at Whole Allowance of all Species of Provisions in the manner with the Company of His Maj: Ship under your Command.

Given under my hand on board His Maj: Ship Formidable, in Port Royal Harbour Jamaica 16th July 1782

To Capt Willkinson
of His Maj: Ship Ville de Paris

A similar Order to His Majesty's Ships Glorieux
Hector
Jason
Ardent
Caton

By Sir Geo. B. Rodney Bart. K B &ca &ca &ca

You are hereby required and directed to proceed with His Majesty's Ship under your Command, to Bluefields

and on your arrival there, to put yourself under the Command of Thos. Graves Esq[r] Rear Admiral of the Red, and follow his Orders for your further Proceedings.

Given &ca &ca &ca in Port Royal Harbour
Jamaica, July 17th 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captain Parker
of His Majesty's Ship Pallas

By Sir Geo. B. Rodney Bart. K B. &ca &ca &ca

Notwithstanding your former Orders from me, You are to proceed to Rock Fort, for water for His Majesty's Ship Jason, and on your Return to Deliver what Casks of yours you may have filled with hers also, Causing your Purser to take proper Receipts for the same.

Given under my hand, in Port Royal Harbour,
Jamaica, July 17th 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captain Drury
of His Majestys Ship Tickler

By Sir G. B. Rodney Bt. K B. &ca &ca &ca

Whereas The Hon[ble] Captain Cornwallis Of His Majesty's Ship Canada, has represented to me that the Said Ship is without a Master, and that he has a reliance on your skill and Activity to Act as Such

You are Hereby required and directed to act as Master of His Maj: Said Ship Canada accordingly on the passage home or till further Orders, and for so doing this shall be your Order.

Given under my hand &ca &ca &ca 17th July 1782

To Mr John Ford,
appointed to Act as Master of His Majesty's Ship Canada.

By Sir G B Rodney Bt K B &ca &ca &ca

Whereas it has been represented to me that a Sloop Belonging to Mr Morris, which the Exigency of the Service required, being Employed in taking a sheet Anchor from on board the Bedford, Had her decks stove in thereby and otherwise received considerable damage.

You are hereby required & directed to Cause the said Sloop to be properly repair'd at Gover[n]ment Expence, and Make an adequate recompence to the Owner as expeditiously as the Service will Admit of.

Given under my hand &ca &ca &ca 17th July 1782

G. B. Rodney

To The Naval Storekeeper & Master Builder, at Port Royal

By Sir G B Rodney Bt. K B. &ca &ca &ca

Whereas it has been represented to me that His Maj: Sloops, Pacahunta, Tickler and Vaughan, are so much worn out, as to be unable of Returning to the windward Island Station, to Which they Belong.

You are hereby required and directed to take to your Assistance, The Foreman of your Yard, and the Carpenter of His Maj: Ship where my flag is flying, and take an exact and careful Survey of the state the Above named Vessels are in, and report to me under your Hands accordingly.

Given under my hand &ca &ca &ca 17th July 1782

G. B. Rodney

To The Master Shipwright and Master Attendant of His Maj: Yard

By Sir Geo. Br. Rodney Bart. K B. &ca &ca &ca
[Emended in Rodney's handwriting to:]
By the R^{t} Hon Ld Rodney Adm^{l} of the White,
Command^{r} in Chief &ca &ca &ca

Whereas you have represented to me, that you cannot proceed to Sea, without a number of Water Casks being procured, and that a Quantity is now to be had at Kingston *immeadiately*

You are hereby required and directed to Cause your Purser to purchase, one hundred T^{s} at a price not exceeding ten Pounds Sterling her Fore Iron hoops included, and to Draw on the Commissioners for Victualling His Majesty's Navy, for the Same.

Given under my &ca &ca &ca 17th July 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Capt Aylmer
of His Maj: Ship Jason

A Similar Order to Captn Cadogan of ye Glorieux

By Sir G B Rodney Bt K B &ca &ca &ca

Whereas I have thought it Necessary for His Maj: Service that the Ship's Company of His Maj: Sloop Tickler should be turned over on board the lately Captur'd French Ships, to assist in Carrying them to England, and that the said Sloop should be paid off.

You are hereby required and directed, to be Assisting to the Officers of the Said Sloop in returning their Stores, in order to her being paid Off accordingly.

Given under my hand, &ca &ca &ca 18th July 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Captain Charington
Of His Maj. Ship Ajax

By Sir Geo. B. Rodney Bart. K B. &ca &ca &ca

You are hereby required and directed to spare to His Majesty's Ship Jason all such provisions, Stores and Casks &ca. as she may be in want of, for which this shall be your Order.

Given under my hand &ca &ca &ca 18th July 1782

G. B. Rodney

To Capt. Drury
Of His Majesty's Sloop Tickler

By Sir G B Rodney Bt K B. &c &c. &c

Notwithstanding any former Orders you may be under, You are hereby required and directed immediately to join Admiral Pigot, and put yourself under his Command.

Given &ca &ca &ca 19 July

G. B. Rodney

To Capt Vashon
of his Maj: Ship Sybil

A Similar Order to His Maj: Ship Tartar

By Sir Geo. Rodney Bt. K B. &ca &ca &ca

His Maj: Ship under your Command being now along side the wharf and incapable of Proceeding with the Present Co[n]voy to England.

You are hereby required and dir[e]cted as soon as She shall be refitted for Sea, to take such of the Trade of this Island as shall then be ready & willing to put themselves under your protection, & proceed therewith to Great Britain.

Given &ca &ca 19 July

G. B. Rodney

To Capt. Charington
of his Maj: Ship Ajax

A Similar Order to his Maj: Ship Shrewsbury

By The Right Honble Ld Rodney &c &c &c

You are hereby required and directed on no account whatever to lose a Moments time in getting out to Sea with His Majestys Ship under your Command, standing off and on, this Port till join'd by me.

Given under my hand, &c. &c. &c
21st July 1782

RODNEY

To Capt. Truscott
of His Maj: Ship Nonsuch

A Similiar Order to Capt. Rodney of his Maj: Ship Anson

Mem°

Montagu 21st July 1782

The Admiral expects that all the French Ships Sail to Morrow Morning at day light, and put themselves under the Command of Admiral Graves, at Blue feilds Bay. And that the Resolution, Anson, and Nonsuch and all the frigates sail to morrow Morning, that they French Ships move this day, to be in a fair way, and get their pilots on board this day.

Mem°

By Lord Rodney &c. &c. &c.

You are put under Arrest by my express command, For disobedience of my Orders and Contempt, in peremptory refusing to admit Officers to act as Lieutenants on board His Majesty's Ship Shrewsbury, whom I by Virtue

of the Power in me vested, have thought proper to Appoint, and your first Lieutenant is hereby order'd to take the Command of her accordingly. till you shall have an[s]wer'd for your Conduct at a Court Martial.

21st July 1782

To Capt Coffin
Of his Majesty's Ship Shrewsbury

By Lord Rodney &c. &c &ca

You are hereby required and directed to discharge from his Maj: Ship under your Command the Leiutenant of Marines named in the Margin,[1] into his Maj: Ship Shrewsbury.

Given under my Hand &ca &ca &ca 21st July 1782

RODNEY

To Capt Saxton
of His Maj: Ship Invincible

By Lord Rodney &c. &c. &c.

You are hereby required and directed to receive from his Maj: Ship Invincible the Lieut. of Marines, named in the Margin,[1] and enter him as such on the Books of his Maj: Ship under your Command.

Given under my hand &ca. &ca. &ca. July 21st 1782

RODNEY

To Capt. Coffin
of H Maj: Ship Shrewsbury

Shrewsbury Port Royal Harbour Jamaica 22nd July

Captain Bowen of His Maj: Ship Montagu, being order'd by the Rt. Honble Lord Rodney to Demand my reasons, for not receiving M^srs Oldfield, Teeling, and Mends, as Lieutenants of His Maj: Ship Shrewsbury under my

[1] The name was not copied into the Order-Book. Ed.

Command, having receiv'd appointments as such from Lord Rodney Admiral of the White and Commander in Cheif, &ca. &ca. &ca. My state of health being such as not to be able to appear in Person, before His Lordship, I declare in an[s]wer to Capt. Bowen, before Lt. Igjulden, and Cuthbert, that their not having regularly Served their Times, and passed for Lieutenants, are my Reasons for not receiving them as such, which is not Agreeable to the usual Custom of the Service.

[Isaac Coffin]

By The Right Honble Lord Rodney K B. &ca. &ca. &ca.

You are hereby required and directed to Cause the Gunner of His Majesty's Ship under your Command to Supply the Gunner of His Maj: Ship Glorieux with one hundred and fifty Barrels of Powder, taking proper Receipts for the Same.

Given under my hand &ca. &ca. &ca. July 22nd 1782

To Captain West
Of His Maj: Ship Repulse

Montagu 22d July 1782

Mem^o

It is the Admirals Orders and directions that His Majesty's Fire Ship Salamander, spares to His Maj Ship Ardent, a Pump with Boxes Compleat &ca. taking care to take proper Receipts for the Same.

For the Admiral

Geo. Bowen

To Captain Deacon
of H Maj: Fire Ship Salamander

By The R^{t} H^{ble} Ld Rodney &ca. &ca. &ca.

Major Rotheram of Marines belonging to His Maj: Ship Invincible, having requested leave to return to England, on account of his health, which he represents so bad as to render him incapable of remaining in this Country,

You are hereby required and directed, to repair on board the said Ship and take a strict and impartial survey on the health of the said Major Rotheram, and report to me under your hands accordingly, As you will answer the Contrary at your Peril.

Given under my hand on board His Maj: Ship Montagu 22d July 1782 Port Royal Jamaica

RODNEY

To The Surgeons of His Maj: Ships Montagu [blank]

We the undermention'd Surgeons have been on board His Majesty's Ship Invincible, and have taken a very strict and impartial Survey on the Health of Major Rotheram of Marines, and find as follows, From a long service in the east And West Indies, he is troubled with a Bilious Complaint attended with a Slow fever. Notwithstanding every method has been pursued agreeable to the practice of this Country, His Complaint still remains.

We are unanimously of Opinion that nothing will contribute to his releif, But a Change of Climate either England or America.

Given under our hands on board His Maj: Ship Invincible, Jamaica July 22nd 1782.

JOHN FABIA
ROB^{T} WOOD
JOHN TABOR
JAS. SHAW

By Lord Rodney K B. &ca. &ca. &ca.

You are hereby required and directed, to put yourself under my Command, and proceed to Sea with me, following such orders and directions, as I may think necessary to give you, for His Majesty's Service.

Given under my hand &ca &ca. &ca 23d July 82

RODNEY

To Captain Marshall
of His Maj: Ship Flora

By Lord Rodney, K B &ca &ca &ca

You are hereby required and directed to discharge from his Majesty's Ship under your Command, Major York and Capt. Campbell of the 69th Reg^{nt} and their Companies, into His Maj^{s} Ship Invincible.

Given under my hand &ca &ca &ca 23rd July 1782

RODNEY

To Captain Gidoin
Of his Maj: Ship Torbay

By Lord Rodney K B. &c. &c. &c.

You are hereby required and directed to Receive on board His Majesty's Ship under your Command Major York and Capt. Campbell of the 69th Reg^{t} and their Companies Victualling them at Whole Allowance.

Given &ca. &ca. &ca. 23rd July 1782

RODNEY

To Capt Saxton
Of his Maj: Ship Invincible

By Lord Rodney K B &ca. &ca. &ca.

You are hereby required and directed to proceed with his Majesty's Ship under your command, directly to Blue-

feilds Bay, where you are to put yourself under the Command of Admiral Pigott, should you find him there, or follow him, as soon as ever your water is Compleated, agreable to the Rendezvous he may Leave, unless Rear Admiral Graves should think it necessary to take you through the Gulph with him, in which case (after that) you are to proceed agreable to the directions that may have been left for you, by Admiral Pigott at Bluefeilds. First discharging your Supernumarys into the Hector.

Given under my hand &ca. &ca. &ca.
24 July 1782

RODNEY

To Capt. Smith
of His Maj: Ship Endymion

By Lord Rodney K B &c. &c. &ca.

You are hereby required and directed to put your self under the Command of Capt. Smith of his Maj: Ship Endymion and proceed to Bluefeilds Bay, where you are to put yourself under the Command of Admiral Pigot, or in case of his being sail'd to proceed to join him agreable to the Rendezvous, you will receive or the Orders that may be left you there, for that Purpose.

Given &ca. &ca. &ca. 24 July 1782

RODNEY

To Lieut. Gibb
of his Maj: Schooner York

By Lord Rodney K B &ca. &ca. &ca.

Whereas I have receiv'd intelligence by one of the Transports with troops on board under the Convoy of Capt. Shirley of His Maj: Ship Leander bound from Antigua to garrison the Island of St Lucia, that they were attacked in their passage to the said Island, by a

Squadron of the Enemy under Dominique, which obliged the said Transport to bear away for Jamaica: [1] and whereas I observed the day we sailed from Port Royal, another Large transport full of troops going into that port, by which means His Majesty's Islands to windward are greatly exposed for the want of the troops distined for their protection, and may be in imminent danger of being attacked by the Public Enemy;

You are therefore hereby required and directed, without one moments Delay, to proceed with his Majesty's Ship under your Command, to the Island of Barbadoes, in Order to your enquiring into the situation of affairs, and from thence to proceed to the Island of St Lucia, putting yourself under the Command of Rear Admiral Sir Fran^s Saml Drake, or the Commanding Officer for the time being of His Majesty's Ships on that Station, shou'd you chance to be Commanding officer yourself, you are to Assist to the utmost of your Power General Mathews the Commander in Cheif of His Majesty's Forces in the Defence of His Majesty's Islands, and Cooperate with him in any enterprize that it may be thought proper to undertake, against the Enemies Islands, and lend every Assistance in your Power towards obtaining success. Should you find His Majesty's Islands in a state of perfect security and the Enemy in no condition to annoy them, you are to Cruize with the Ships under your Command in such stations as you may think most proper for the protection of the Trade of His Maj: Subjects, and the annoyance of the Enemy; taking care that some Ships are left for the protection of His Maj: Islands, and in particular that the Island of St Lucia, which is of the utmost consequence to his Majesty, and the State, be never left without a Sufficient Squadron to protect and to join in its Defence, should it be attacked by the Public Enemy. Should not Rear Admiral Drake be arrived, you

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[1] [Marginal note in Admiral Rodney's handwriting:] all false, the Rascalls the Masters of the Transports wanted to get to Jamaica

are to give an attested Copy of this Order, to the Commanding Officer Of his Majesty's Ships, that there may be no Excuse for Leaving that very important Island of St Lucia (on which the Fate of the West Indies may depend) Unguarded.

Given under my hand &ca. &ca. &ca. 31st July 1782

RODNEY

To Captain Truscott
Of his Majesty's Ship Nonsuch

By Lord Rodney K B. &ca. &ca. &ca.

You are hereby required and directed to proceed with my dispatches to Jamaica, taking Care to reconnoitre Cape Francois on your way thither, for the purpose of Procuring Intelligence, with Respect to the number and Force of the Enemies Ships there, Reporting the same to Rear Admiral Rowley, or the Commanding Officer at Jamaica, on your arrival there.

Given under my hand &ca. &ca. &ca.
1st August 1782

RODNEY

To Capt. Perkins
of His Maj. Sloop Endeavour.

By Lord Rodney K B &ca &ca &ca

Notwithstanding your former Orders,

You are hereby required and directed, to proceed immediately with the Zebra, and Ships which came from Georgia under her convoy, and see them in safety within the Caucos Passage in their way to Jamaica; the said Vessels being of great consequence having on board the Persons and Property of several of the Inhabitants of Georgia (the same having been lately evacuated) who are proceeding theirwith to settle at Jamaica, having so

done, You are to proceed and Carry the Orders dated July 31st Above refer'd to, into Execution.

Given under my hand &c. &c. &c. 3rd August 1782

To Captain Truscott
Of his Majesty's Ship Nonsuch

By Lord Rodney K B &c. &c &c

In addition to your orders of this date, you are hereby required and directed, to see the Rich Convoy with which you are charged, between Cape Nicholas and Cape Maize, and there Leave them in safety, afterwards pursuing your former Orders.

Given under my hand &c. &c. &c. 3 August

RODNEY

To Capt. Truscott
of his Maj. Ship Nonsuch

The Rendezvous in case of parting Company, is the mizen head, in Ireland, the Lattitude of which cape you are to gain 150 leagues to the Westward. On making the coast, you are to endeavour to procure every Necessary Intelligence and in Case the Conjunct fleets of the Enemy, should be in the Channel, you are to return and Cruize in the lattitude of the Mizen head from 50 to 100 leagues West of it, in order to meet the Jamaica Convoy whose commander has my Orders to proceed in the lattitude of the Mizen head. You are to continue Three Weeks on this station at the expiration of which time, You are to proceed to Spithead. But in case the Conjunct fleets should not be blockading the Channel, you are only to remain Six days, in Order to rejoin me, at the expiration of which time you are to make the best of your way to Spithead.

RODNEY
3 August 1782

To Capt Marshal
Of his Majesty Ship Flora

By The R^{t} H^{ble} Lord Rodney &ca. &ca. &ca.

You are hereby required & directed, to proceed immediately in His Maj: Sloop Lively with my dispatches for Admiral Pigot, whom you may expect to find off the capes of Virginia, where you are to Cruize for Six days, but in case of not finding him there in that Time, to proceed to New York, where you are to wait his Arrival.

Given under my hand &ca. &ca. &ca. at Sea
8th August 1782

RODNEY

To Lieut. Cuthbert
Commanding his Maj: Sloop Lively

By the R^{t} Hon. Ld Rodney K. B &c &c &c

Whereas I have received Intelligence that a Convoy is on the point of Sailing, or has sailed, from Cape Francois bound to France; also that fourteen Spanish Merchant Ships without Convoy are on the point of sailing, or have sailed, from the Havannah bound to Spain; and as in all probability the said Convoy & Merchant Ships will make St. Mary's or some of the Western Isles.

You are hereby required and directed, to take with you the Ships named in the Margin,[1] (whose Captains have my Orders to put themselves under your Command) and Cruize in such a Latitude, as you may think most proper for intercepting the said Convoy and Merchant Ships, Should you be in want of water, you are to put into the Island of Fayal for that purpose, taking on board wine for your Ships Company for Six Weeks & making your stay there as short as Possible; you are to continue on this Service till the 15th of September, should you not fall in with them sooner, at the expira-

[1] The names of the ships were not copied into the Order-Book. Ed.

tion of which time you are to make the best of your way to Spithead.

Given under my hand &ca. &ca. &ca. Augt 13th

RODNEY

To Sir Jas. Wallace
Of His Majesty's Ship Resolution

By The Right H^{ble} Lord Rodney K B. &c &c &c

You are hereby [required] and directed to put yourself under the Command of Sir Jas. Wallace, Commander of His Majesty's Ship Resolution, and follow his Orders and directions for your further Proceedings.

Given &c &c &c 13th Aug^{t}

RODNEY

To Capt. Rodney
of His Maj: Ship Anson

By the R^{t} Hon. Ld Rodney K. B. &c &c &c

You are hereby required and directed to cause the Purser of His Majesty's Ship under your Command to supply the Purser of the Alert with Firewood. One & half coards taking a receipt for the same.

Given under my hand &c 14 Augt 1782

RODNEY

To Capt. Marshall
of H. M. Ship Flora

By Com^{d} &c.
Will. Pagett

By Sir Geo. B. Rodney Bt. K. B &ca. &ca. &ca.

Whereas I intend hoisting my Flag & proceeding to England, in His Majesty's [ship] under your Command, and there being at present a very great hurry of business in the Yard.

You are hereby required and directed to cause the Carpenter of the said Ship to fit her in a proper manner for my reception, with such old Stores and Bulkheads as he may have on board; and such as he may receive from the Yard; that Government may not be put to an unnecessary Expence on that Account.

Given under my hand on board [undated]

[Unaddressed]

By Lord Rodney K B &ca &ca &ca

Captain Bowen of His Majesty's Ship Montagu having represented to me by Letter of this date, that there is on board the said Ship, a quantity of Bread full of maggotts and Weavils; also a quantity of Butter that is rancid, and a quantity of Beef and Pork that is putrid, and all unfit for men to eat.

You are hereby required and directed to take a strict and Careful Survey on the said Bread, Butter, Beef and Pork, complained of, reporting to me from under your hands accordingly.

Given under my hand &ca. &ca. &ca. at
Sea 26th August 1782

To The Master & Master's Mates
of H. M. Ship Montagu

By the Right H^ble^ Ld Rodney K B. &ca &ca &ca

You are hereby required and directed to proceed with his Majesty's Sloop under your Command to Cork or Kinsale; on your Arrival there to Compleat the provisions of His Majesty's Sloop under your Command to ten weeks of all Species with every dispatch possible.

You are to endeavour to procure every Intelligence in your Power, relative to Publick Affairs, particularly those relative to the Conjunct Fleets of the House of Bourbon:

and whether they are Cruizing at the Mouth of the Channel, gone into Brest, or return'd to their own Coast. You cannot be too careful in procuring this Intelligence, as the safety of the Convoy shortly expected from the West Indies, may depend upon the Intelligenc[e] you Carry them.

You are not to lose one moments time in Compleating your Provisions; but after getting what Intelligence you can procure, to put to sea; and when you are three leagues distant from the Land, you are to open the enclos'd Secret Orders, which will direct you, to join Rear Admiral Graves who Commands the Jamaica Convoy, that from the Intelligence you may give him, he may know how to proceed.

You are to keep your orders Secret, as likewise your destination; and on your joining Rear Ad^{m} Graves to put yourself under his Command, and follow his Orders for your further Proceedings.

Given under my hand on board His Maj: Ship
Montagu off Bantry Bay 4 Sept. 1782

RODNEY

To Captain Miller
of his Majesty's Sloop Alert

By Lord Rodney &ca. &ca. &ca.

You are hereby required and directed, to proceed, without loss of time, with His Majesty's Sloop under your Command, to Cork Harbour; where you are, agreeable to your former Orders, to Compleat your water & provisions with all possible dispatch.

Having done so, you are to proceed with His Majesty's Ship Mrymidon [*sic*], to cruize to meet the great Convoy under Rear Admiral Graves, agreeable to the enclosed Rendezvous; putting yourself under the Command of

Captain Drury of the said Ship, and following his orders for your further proceedings.

Given &ca. &ca. &ca. in Kinsale Harbour
Sept. 8th 1782

To Captain Miller
of His Majesty's Sloop Alert

Rendezvous above Referred to.

You are to Cruize from Fifty to one Hundred Leagues West, in the Latitude of the Mizen head to meet the Jamaica Convoy, and remain one Month on that station should you not join that Convoy sooner.

You are not to be induced to quit your station, as it is of the utmost Importance, the Admiral Commanding the said Convoy should be acquainted with the situation of Affairs; and the Intelligence you may carry him

Given under my hand on board his Maj. Ship
Montagu off Bantry Bay 4th Sept. 1782

RODNEY

By Lord Rodney K B. &c &c &c

As His Majesty's Ship under your Command has no long Boat

You are hereby required & directed to get the water of His Majesty's Ship under your Command, Compleated, with the utmost Dispatch, and to hire Boats for that purpose, causing your Purser to pay for the Same.

Given under my hand &ca. &ca. &ca. Sept 8th 1782

RODNEY

To Captn Bowen
H. M. Ship Montagu.

Similar Orders

To Capt. Marshall of the Flora, & Capt. Miller of the Alert.

By the Right Honb[le] L[d] Rodney &ca. &ca. &ca.

You are hereby required & directed, to proceed, without loss of time with his Majesty's Ship under your Command, to Cork Harbour; where you are to compleat your water and provisions with all dispatch possible; and then proceed with the Alert Sloop, whose Captain I have order'd to put himself under your Command, in quest of the homeward bound West India Convoy; agreeable to the enclosed Rendezvous, which you are not to open, till you get to Sea.

On meeting with Rear Admiral Graves, you are to put yourself under his Command; and follow his Orders for your further proceedings.

You are to continue on the station one Month, should you not join the Convoy before the expiration of that time; and then proceed to Spithead, acquainting the Secretary of the Admiralty of your Arrival.

Given under my hand on board His Maj: Ship
Montagu in Kinsale Harbour, 9th Sept. 1782

RODNEY

To Captain Drury
of his Majesty's Ship Myrmidon

By Lord Rodney &ca. &ca. &ca.

You are hereby required and directed, to discharge from His Majesty's Ship under your command, William Gibson and John Corcoran, Apprentices belonging to the Brig Lowther, Joseph Laurence Master; if they answer to the des[c]ription contained in their protections.

Given under my hand &ca. &ca. &ca.
11th Sept. 1782 Kinsale

RODNEY

To Capt. Drury
of his Majesty's Ship Myrmidon

By Lord Rodney &ca. &ca. &c

Capt. Bowen of His Majesty's Ship Montagu, having represented to me by Letter of this Date, that there is a quantity of Bread on board the said Ship full of Vermin, and unfit for men to Eat.

You are hereby required and directed to repair on board the said Ship, and there take a strict and Careful Survey on the Bread complained of; and if you find it as represented, to see it thrown over board, reporting to me from under your hands your proceedings accordingly.

Given &ca. &ca. &ca. 12th September 1782

RODNEY

To The Master of the Flora,
& Master & Master's Mate of His Majesty's Ship Montagu

By Lord Rodney &ca. &ca. &ca.

Whereas I have receiv'd Intelligence that there are two Brig Privateers off Youghall,

You are hereby required and directed to proceed without a Moments loss of time in His Majesty's Sloop under your Command in Company with the Alert in quest of them. Not seeing them in 48 hours, you are to return to this Port for further Orders.

Given &ca. &ca. &ca. 14 Sept. 1782

RODNEY

To Captain Peyton
of His Majesty's Sloop Beaver

Similar Order to the Alert.

By Lord Rodney &ca. &ca. &ca.

You are hereby required and directed, to proceed with-[out] one Moments loss of time, in quest of two Brig Privateers cruizing off Youghall, taking under your Com-

mand the Beaver and Alert Sloops, (should they not be sail'd) but in Case of not falling in with the above Privateers within forty Eight Hours, to return to this Port and act agreeable to the former Orders you have Receiv'd from me.

Given under my &ca. &ca. &ca. 14th September 1782

RODNEY

To Captain Drury
Of His Majesty's Ship Myrmidon

By Lord Rodney &ca. &ca. &ca.

Captain Marshall of His Majesty's Ship Flora, having represented to me, by Letter of this date, that there is a quantity of Bread on board the said Ship rotten, full of Vermin and unfit for men to Eat.

You are hereby required and directed, to repair on board the said Ship, and there take a Strict and Careful Survey of the Bread Complained of, and finding it, as represented, to cause the same to be thrown Over board.

Given under my hand &ca. &ca. &ca.

To The Master, of the Montagu,
& Master & Masters Mate of His Majesty's Ship Flora

By Lord Rodney K B &ca. &ca. &ca.

You are hereby required and directed to receive on board, His Majestys Ship under [your] Command such Volunteers as may be sent you from the Lenox; and after compleating your Complement, to bear the remainder on a Supernumerary List, for Wages and Victuals.

Given under my hand &ca. &ca. &ca.
in Cork harbour 16th Sept. 1782

RODNEY

To Captain Bowen
of His Majesty's Ship Montagu

By Lord Rodney K B &ca. &ca. &ca.

You are hereby required and directed to receive on board His Majesty's Ship under [your] Command, such Volunteers as may be sent you from the Lenox, and to bear them on a Supernumerary List for Victuals and Wages.

Given under my hand &ca. &ca. &ca.
in Cork harbour 16th Sept. 1782

RODNEY

To Captain Patton
of His Majesty's Ship Belle Poule

Similar order to Capt. Marshall of the Flora

By Lord Rodney &ca. &ca. &ca.

Application having been made to me for a Convoy for several Vessels bound from this Port to Bristol; which will be ready in a few Days.

You are hereby required & directed, to take them under your Convoy, and proceed with them accordingly, as soon as ever they shall be ready, returning afterwards to your former Station.

Given &ca. &ca. &ca. in Cork Harbour
18th Sept. 1782

RODNEY

To Capt. Peyton,
of His Maj: Sloop Beaver

By Lord Rodney &ca. &ca. &ca.

Whereas you have represented to me by Letter, that His Majesty's Ship under your Command has no long Boat, nor any Boat fit to carry out a S[t]ream Anchor if necessary.

You are hereby required & directed to hire a Boat for that purpose, while the Ship remains in Shoal Water.

Given &ca. &ca. &ca. in the Flat homes
Bristol Channel 20th Sept. 1782

RODNEY

To Captain Bowen
of His Maj: Ship Montagu

By Lord Rodney &ca. &ca. &ca.

You are hereby required & directed to strike my Flag some time this evening, after I have left the Ship, proceeding as soon as the Wind & weather will permit without a moments Delay to Portsmouth; & bearing me, my Secretary Retinue &ca. on a Supernumerary List for Wages, till you receive further directions relative thereunto from the Lords of the Admiralty.

Given &ca &ca &c. 21st Sept. 1782

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